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U.S. Army Sgt. Mark Cox of the 101st Airborne Division and his wife, Dawn, from Crawfordsville, Ind., laugh as they hug inside a hangar after Cox returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., from Iraq, on Jan. 7.

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States

right-to-die case: Tampa, Fla., appeals court Wednesday denied a request from the parents of a severely brain-damaged woman for a new trial in the long-running right-to-die case, according to the court clerk's office.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal issued the denial without a written opinion

Attorney George Felos said once the court issues a formal decision in 15 days, Michael Schiavo may again be able to order the removal of the feeding tube that helps keep his 41-year-old wife alive

Terri Schiavo collapsed from a chemical imbalance due to an eating disorder 14 years ago and left no written end-of-life directive

Hospital in crisis: The Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center of Los Angeles failed an inspection by federal regulators this week, moving the beleaguered public hospital closer to losing \$200 million in federal funding.

Barring a last-minute change, the Los Angeles County-owned hospital just south of Watts is tentatively slated to lose its federal money Jan. 19, county health officials wrote in a memo late Wednesday to the county Board of Supervisors. Without that funding, King/Drew could be forced to close, imperiling the largely poor black and Hispanic population it serves, officials have said.

King/Drew had pledged to make changes earlier this month after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services faulted it for allowing county police officers to use Taser stun guns to subdue psychiatric pa-

Alabama Ten Commandments case: Former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore acknowledges having feelings of "doubt and fear" on the night of July 31, 2001, as he sat alone in his state courthouse office awaiting delivery of a Ten Commandments monument he wanted to install in the rotunda

In a new book, "So Help Me God," Moore describes that night as the completion of a lifelong mission to use his position as the state's highest judge to publicly display a symbol of his religion.

It was also the beginning of a two-year fight that ended with Moore becoming the first chief justice in Alabama's history to be expelled from office after he refused a federal judge's order to remove the monument from the judicial building's rotunda



Wash. governor's race: Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi calls for a revote in the hotly contested Washington state governor's race at his campaign headquarters in Belle ing Rossi are, from left, his wife, Terry, and children Julianna, 14; Joseph, 8; Jake, 10; and Jillian, 4. Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared governor-elect Thursday - by 129 votes over Rossi — but Rossi has refused to concede. Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified Gregoire as the winner of the closest governor's race in state history.

World

Russian school attack: Only 17 of 31 attackers who seized a school in southern Russia four months ago have been identified Deputy Prosecutor General Nikolai Shepel said Thursday.

He said that documents had been sent to Interpol to help identify two of the attackers, "presumably coming from Middle East countries." the Interfax news agency report-

The Sept. 1-3 terrorist raid on a school in the town of Beslan ended in a hail of gunfire and explosions, killing more than 330 hostages, nearly half of them children.

Berlusconi's hair: Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi acknowledged Thursday that he had a hair transplant, saying his hair is "growing wonderfully" and that cosmetic surgery is a duty for those who can afford it. Italian media in August were abuzz with

speculation that the image-conscious, bald ing leader might have had a hair transplant. Berlusconi, 68, had cosmetic surgery around his eyes during the Christmas holi-days last year. He confirmed the operation about a month later, specifying that it had er, specifying that it had only been around his eyes.

Gay marriage in Spain: Spain's Socialist government on Friday approved a bill to legalize same-sex marriages, putting this predominantly Roman Catholic country on course to become only the third country to recognize gay marriages

The bill was approved at a Cabinet meeting and is expected to be presented to Parliament in February for debate.

"The right to marry is a right for everyone, without distinction. It cannot be underone, without distinction. It cannot be understood as a privilege," Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega told a press conference after the Cabinet meeting. Under the bill, homosexuals will be allowed to adopt children and couples of the same sex will be able to inherit from one appropriate the conference of the confe

other as well as receive retirement benefits from their working spouses in the same way in which heterosexual married couples do

Ukraine election: Ukraine's election commission rejected the entire appeal by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych against results showing he lost this week's repeat running, saying he had not proved there were any violations, a commission member

Said. Yanukovych now has the option of appealing to the Supreme Court. The prime minister has refused to accept results showing a solid victory for Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko in Sunday's vote.

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NEW YORK — A month-by-month chronology of notable news in 2004, including the AP's Top Ten stories of the year (noted in bold). AP's list was compiled in mid-December, before the deadly tsunami in Asia

January

Jan. 1 — The first commercial flight between India and Pakistan in two Jan 1.— The first commercial flight between India and Paidstain in two years arrived in New Dorth; India.

Jan 3.— NASA's Mars rover, Spirt, touches down on Marr; a Flieth Arti-tion childer fail of Feet his use in summy point from Egyption vectorior through the Feet of Feet and the summy point from Egyption vectorior to the Commercial Commercial

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Jant. 6 — A U.S. Dializk Halwk Neldevac helicopher crashres hear Hangan, Iraq, killing all nine soldiers aboard; Libya agrees to compensate family mem-bers of victims of a 1989 bombing of a French UTA passenger plane over the Niger desert that killed 170 people. Jan. 14 — Libya has ratified the nuclear test ban treaty, a Vienna-based U.N. agency announces.

Jan. 17 — A roadside bomb north of Baghdad kills three U.S. sol-

Jan. 17 — A roadside bomb north of Baghdad kills three U.S. solders and two Irac (Ivil defense Irocopers, raising the U.S. death toil since the beginning of military operations in rain to 500.

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 A suicide truck bombing outside the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition in Baghdad kills at least 31 people and injures more than 60 in the de liest attack in the Iraqi capital since Saddam Hussein's capture in December Jan. 24 - NASA's Opportunity rover lands on Mars, arriving at the Red Jan. 24 — NASA'S Opportunity rover lands on Maris, armying at the Hec Planet exactly three weeks after its identical hivin landed.

Jan. 25 — Mikhail Saakashivili is inaugurated as Georgia's president.

Jan. 28 — A judge clears British Prime Minister Tony Blair's administration of any direct involvement in the suicide of a government expert on liraji weapons.

February

Feb. 1 — Twin suicide bombers kill 109 people at two Kurdish party offices in Irbil, Iraq; a stampede during a stoning ritual at the annual Muslim pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia, kills at least 251 worshippers. age in Mina, Saudi Arabia, kills at least 251 worshippers. Feb. 2 — Israel kills the leader of Islamic Jihad and three other militants in a Gaza raid; an 11-story apartment building collapses in Konya, Turkey, kill-

ing 92 people.

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Feb. 6— An explosion rips through a Moscow subway car during rush hour, kiling 41 people and wounding more than 100.
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Feb. 7 — Sri Lankas President Chandrika Kumaratunga dissolves Parila-nent and calls April 2 elections, more than three years ahead of schedule. Feb. 9 — Anti-government rebels take control of at least nine towns in vestem Haiti as the death toll in the violent uprising rises to at least 40. Feb. 10 — A truck bomb outside a police station in Iskandariyah, Iraq, kills 53 people; an Iranian plane crashes in the United Arab Emirates, killing at

S5 people; an Inraina plane crashes in the union, who was a large state of people. It is a large state of people and are preventing center in Baghdad sittle 47. Feb. 12 — In an open challenge to California law, San Francisco automities perform score of same-sex weddings and issue a stack of marriage licenses to gay and lesibilin couples.

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Rescue workers line up bodies beside a bomb-damaged passenger train at Atocha station following a number of explosions on trains in Madrid on March 11. The toll from the bombings was 190 dead and more than 1,400 injured.

ding San Francisco and Portland, Ore. al piaces — including San Francisco and Portland, Ure. — also wed gay and lesblan couples before courts intervened. However, each time the issue reached the ballot. — in 13 states in all — voters decisively ap-proved constitutional amendments banning gay marriage. Feb. 15 — A shopping mail fire kills at least 83 people in northeastem

China.

Feb. 22 — Rebels capture Haiti's second-largest city, claiming Cap-Haitien as their biggest prize in a two-week uprising that has driven government forces from half the country.

Feb. 23 — The Palestinians open their case against Israel's West Bank ier in the world court

Feb. 24 — Russian President Vladimir Putin dismisses his prime minister and all other Cabinet ministers in preparation for March's presidential vote; a 6.5-magnitude earthquake devastates an isolated region of northern Morocmore than 560 people.

Feb. 26 — Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski is killed in a plane crash in southern Bosnia.

Feb. 29 — Haiti's President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns and goes into exile in the Central African Republic.



March

March 1 - Rebels roll into Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, and are met by March 1 — Necessitor into Again's capital, Politad-Printice, and are first by hundreds of residents cheering the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. March 2 — A series of coordinated blasts kills 181 people at shrines in Kar-bala and Baghdad as thousands of Shitte Muslim pilgrims gather for a reli-March 4 — Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan and the only person in the world convicted in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, wins a retrial in a German apius testival. March 4 — Mounir el Motass

peals court; Horst Koehler, head of the International Monetary Fund, announcpeas court, ruists incentent treatour termentation and invited presidency.

March 5— Martha Stewart, the American celebrity homemaker, is convicted of obstructing justice and lying to the government about a stock sale.

March 7— Fourteen Palestinians are killed in the deadlest Israeli raid in

Gaza in 17 months.

Jaza in 17 morturs.

March 8 — Iraq's Governing Council signs a landmark interim constitution.

March 9 — Gerard Latortue, a former U.N. official, becomes Haiti's interim prime minister.

March 11 — Ten bombs explode in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 190 people and wounding

muter rail network in leadind, Spain, killing 1 top people and wouldings more than 1, 400.

The Madrid bombings were AP's number 10 story of the year. Soon after the attack, which was blamed on Islamic millitants, angry voters unseated Spain's pro-American conservative government in two of the Socialist Parry, which promptly withdrew Spainish troops from fraq. March 12 — South Korea's parliament impeaches President Rich Moc-lyun on categoes of liegal electroneering and incorpetence, strippin. him of his constitutional powers.

March 14 — The opposition Socialists score a dramatic upset win in Soain's general election, unseating conservatives stung by charges they provoked the Madrid terror bombings by supporting the U.S.-led war in Iraq and making Spain a target for al-Qaida; Russian President Vladimir Putin wins a second term.

a larget for al-Qaiota, Hussian President Validamir Pulin wins a second term. March 15 — Former Halfain President Jean-Bertrand Aristide returns to the Carbbean from African exile after winning temporary asylum in Jamaiot a drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, kills four American missionaries. March 16 — China declares victory in 1s fight against bird flu, saying it has stamped out? all 1s known cases, while a factory worker in Thaliand be-

comes Asia's 23rd victim of the virus.

March 17 — Haiti's new U.S.-backed Cabinet takes office without a single

member of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's party.

March 18 — NATO sends U.S. and Italian reinforcements to Kosovo after fighting between Serbs and ethnic Albanians kills 22 people and wounds hun dreds — the worst violence since the province's war five years ago.

March 19 — A judge in Spain jails the main suspect in the Madrid bombings and four alleged accomplices on terrorism charges.

March 20 — Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian narrowly wins re-elec

ion. March 20 — The U.S. milltary charges aix soldiers with abusing in-males at Abu Chraib prison on the western outsiths of Beghddd.

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mill U.S. milltary gards at the Abu Chraib prison near Beghdd forcing naked rain detainese to pose in humiliating positions, was AP's num-ber four story of the year. Prosecutions ensued, and the scendal fueled anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world.

March 22 — Inset Mills Harrass Durch Primed Yassin in a helicopter mis-

sile strike outside a Gaza City mosque; incumbent Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is swom in as 'Malaysia's prime minister after a landslide election victory. March 24 — The European Union slaps Microsoft Corp. with a \$613 million fine for exercising a monopoly with its Windows software and orders sanc-

itions that go well beyond a U.S. antitrust settlement.

March 25 — Rebels and the main opposition party pull out of Ivory Coast's power-sharing government after 25 people die in deadly clashes between se-

curity forces and opposition supporters.

March 31 — Frenzied crowds drag the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors through Fallujah, Iraq, and string two of them up from a

bridge after rebels ambush their SUVs.

March 31 — The world court rules that the United States has violated the rights of 51 Mexicans on death row to receive diplomatic help, and orders Washington to review their cases

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April

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April 2 — Seven Eastern European countries — Romania, Bulgaria, Slove-kia, Lithuania, Sloveria, Latvia and Estonia — join NATO in the biggest ex-pansion of the alliance in its 55-year history, the political alliance led by Presi-dent Chandrika Kumaratunga wins the largest number of seats in Sri Larkia's parlamentary elections; the UN. Securly Council throws its weight behind talks aimed at halting a year-old conflict in western Sudan, calling on the gov emment and opposition groups to half fighting for humanitarian reasons and to settle their dispute politically. The conflict in the Darfur region has driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes in a campaign one U.N. official cave is "athnic cleansing."

official says is "ethnic cleansing." April 3 — Surrounded by police, three suspects in the Madrid railwa bombings blow themselves up in a building outside Madrid, killing one specia

forces agent and wounding 11 police officers.

April 4 — The American military death toll in Iraq rises to at least 610.

April 5 — Flash floods kill at least 34 in northern Mexico; Sri Lanka's prident appoints veteran politician Mahinda Rajapakse as prime minister.

April 6 — China issues a major ruling on how Hong Kong chooses its lead ers, saying the territory must submit proposed political reforms to Beijing for approval; Jordan's military court convicts eight Muslim militants and sentenc-es them to death for the 2002 killing of a U.S. aid official in a terror conspiracy linked to al-Qaida: lawmakers oust Lithuania's scandal-ridden president Ro landas Palsas for abuse of office, ending the country's worst political crisis since it gained independence from Moscow.

April 7 — The only Sept. 11, 2001, suspect ever convicted is freed after a

Hamburg, Germany, court rules that the evidence is too weak to hold him

pending a retrial.

April 8 — Iraqi insurgents seize a dozen foreign hostages in Iraq, threatening to burn three Japanese captives alive if Japan does not withdraw its

no. pril 9 — About 40 foreign hostages from 12 countries are being held by

Iraqi insurgents, a coalition spokesman reports.

April 14 — President Bush endorses Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to pull out of Gaza and parts of the West Bank as "historic and courageous actions"; the Italian government confirms the execution of an Italian hostage by his Iraqi abductors; two more Japanese are abducted in Iraq. - Iraqi militants free three Japanese hostages after holding them

April 17 — Israel assassinates Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi in a mis sile strike on his car; Iraqi insurgents free two Japanese hostages abducted on April 14.

April 18 — Spain's Prima Minister, Inca Luis Rodrinuaz Zanatero ordere a withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq, fulfilling a campaign pledge and try to all his uneasy nation after bombings that killed 190 people in Madrid. April 19 - A Russian rocket roars into space carrying an American, a Rus

an and a Dutch man to the international space station on the third manned ission since the halt of the U.S. shuttle program.

April 20 — NASA launches a \$750 million satellite conceived during the anhower administration to test two of Albert Finetoin's fundamental predic

tions about the universe April 21 — Five suicide attackers detonate car bombs against police b ings in Basra, Irag, killing 74 people and wounding 160; a Guatemalan man, described by U.S. authorities as Central America's most-wanted drug smug-gler, is captured in Mexico; pop star Michael Jackson is secretly indicted by a Santa Barbara County, Calif., grand jury investigating child molestation allega-

ns. April 22 — An explosion at a railway station in Ryongchon, North Korea, Solid Section 1, 1997 and destroys 8,100 homes.

April 23 — Denmark's defense minister, Svend Aage Jensby, resigns as

lawmakers question military intelligence reports the government used to justi-fy its support for the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq; President Bush eases econom-ic sanctions and clears the way for American companies to do business in Libya. rya. Anril 24 — Suicide hoat hombers attack Irani oil facilities in the Persian

Gulf, killing three Americans and disabling Iraq's biggest ter

April 26 - Mainland China rules Hong Kong won't have direct elections for its next leader, or for all its lawmakers, in 2008; U.S. soldiers roll into a base in the Shilte holy city of Najaf to replace withdrawing Spanish troops; a Jordani-an militant with links to al-Qaida claims responsibility for the April 24 suicide boat attacks against Persian Gulf oil terminals.

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April 28 — A Moroccan sought in connection with the Madrid train bombings in May is indicted in Madrid, Spain, on charges of helping plan the Sept.

11, 2001, attacks; an Italian court acquits nine Moroccans of plotting to attack
the U.S. Embassy in Rome by poisoning its water supply. - Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia

April 30 - Ten countries Apini 30 — Ten countries — Czech Nepublic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta — join the European Union in a historic enlargement; a U.S. federal appeals court rules that retired autoworker John Demjanjuk was a Nazi guard, and is not eligible to obtain IIS citizenshin

May

May 2 - Martin Torrios, the son of a former dictator, wins Panama's first presidential vote since the handover of the Panama Canal in December 1999; Poland's Prime Minister Leszek Miller steps down as his government is paralyzed by unpopularity, and is succeeded by former finance minister Marek Belka

May 5 — Picasso's 1905 painting "Boy with a Pipe" sells for \$104 million at by's in New York, breaking the record for an auctioned painting.

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by 6 — Aslan Abashidze, hardline leader of Georgia's renegade Adzha May 6 ia region, flees amid protests sparked by his order to blow up bridges connect

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May 8 — Insurgents bomb an oil pipeline in southern Iraq, setting off a huge blaze and slashir 450,000 barrels per day plaze and slashing daily Iraqi oil exports by about 25 percent, o

May 0 — Δ homb destroys the VIP section at a stadium during a Victory May 9 — A born destroys me vir section at a statistim during a victory Day celebration in the Chechen capital of Grozny, killing 24 people, including the province's president Akhmad Kadyrov. May 12 — Muslim mobs attack Christians in the streets of Kano, Nigeria,

as security forces struggle to quell a two-day rampage to avenge a ma of hundreds of Nigerian Muslims.



Gay couple Stuart Gaffney, left, and John Lewis protest in front of the California Supreme Court on Aug. 12 in San Francisco. The debate over whether same-sex couples are entitled to the right to marry was a volatile topic throughout the year. However, each time the issue reached a ballot - in 13 states in all - voters decisively approved constitutional amendments banning gay marriage.

May 13 - Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee resigns after his gov eming coalition loses Parliament elections, ending his nearly six years power, Libya announces its decision to halt military trade with North Kor ria and Iran. May 14 — A South Korean court reinstates impeached President Roh

Moo-h Moo-hyun; London's Daily Mirror newspaper apologizes for publishing faked photographs of alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners by British forces, and the editor steps down.

May 16 — The United States announces a new initiative to speed up the

may 10— The office disease almonitors a new minuter is speed up the approval process for new combination AIDS drugs that will bring cheap, easy-to-use treatment to millions of people in Africa and the Caribbean.

May 17 — Abdel-Zahraa Othman, also known as Izzadine Saleem, the

ad of the Iraqi Governing Council, is killed in a suicide car bombing in Bagh

Little 19 — Marmohan Singh, a 71-year-old technocrat, is named India's not prime minister by the president.

May 23 — A fiver ferry carrying about 250 passengers capsizes during a storm in eastern Bangladesh, killing at least 74 people, the vaulted roof of a new terminal at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport comes crashing down, killing to people, Horst Koehler, a former head of the international Monetary Fund.

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industry workers.

May 30 — Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide leaves Kingston, Jamaica, for South Africa, saving it will be his "temporary home" until he can return to Haiti

June

June 1 — Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer, a powerful Sunni Muslim tribal leader and critic of the U.S.-led occupation, is named president of Iraq's incoming government.

June 2 — Three foreign aid workers and two Afghans are shot and killed in

an ambush in northwestern Afghanistan in an attack claimed by resurgent iban militants

an militanis. June 3 — CIA Director George Tenet resigns after a controversy over intel-gence lapses about suspected weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the apses about suspected v , 2001, terrorist attacks.

June 5 — Former President Ronald Reagan, whose struggle with Julie 5 — Former President Honald Hesgan, whose struggle with Alzheimer's disease had kept him out of the public eye for a decede, dies at S3. Reagan's death was AP's number eight story of the year. Americans responded with an outpouring of affection and respect for their dito president. His stately funeral in Washington brought the coun-try together at least briefly in a year otherwise marked by bitter partisan divisions. Reagan changed history with his tough-minded stance on the Soviets and his insistence on the importance of tax cuts.

June 6 - An Irish cameraman working for the British Broadcasting Corp is killed in a shooting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Lune 8 — An American who worked for a LLS defence contractor is shot

and killed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the second deadly shooting of a W er in the kingdom in three days.

June 10 — Continent-wide, four-day voting for the European Parliament begins with some 14,670 candidates in 25 nations running for 732 seats.

June 14 — A car bomb explodes during rush hour on a busy street in
Baghdad, killing 12 people — five of them foreigners working to rebuild Iraq's

er plants.

une 15 — Israel's attorney general drops a corruption case agains

JURI 15 — Is Tifes is surrely general or upps at corruption case against or sharen, ending months of uncertainty over the prime minister's political future and boosting chances for an Israel withdrawal from the Gazaz Strip in 2005; explosions pt principl two pipelines in southern Iraq, cuttling of exports from the south by more than half.

June 16 — The Independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks says no evidence exists that al-Qaida had strong ti

sidam Hussein.
The release of the commission's report was AP's number five story of the year. After painstaking research and dramatic public hearings, the commission formed to investigate the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, issued its report. It concluded that America's leaders failed to grasp the gravity of terrorist threats before Sept. 11 and recommended creation of a national intelligence director to every so deliferations.

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June 17 — A car bomb exolodes outside the Iraqi civil defense recruiting

center, killing at least 35 people and wounding 138.

June 18 — An al-Qaida group says it killed American hostage Paul M.

Johnson Jr., and posts photos on the Internet showing his body and severed head: a rocket plane soars above Earth's atmosphere in the first privately financed manned spaceflight, then glides back to Earth for an unpowered land-

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June 21 — Iran seizes three British military patrol boats in the
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June 27 — Boris Tadic, a reformist politician, deletests a nationalist ally of
Stoddom Milosevic in Serbris sin-und residential election.
June 28 — The U.S. eld coalition transfers sovereignty to an interim Iraq
overment, Canadas Liberal Pally to seis to utoright control of Parlament,

but wins the largest share of seats to lead the country's first minority govern-

untin 25 years.

June 29 — A U.N. helicopter crashes in Sierra Leone, killing all 24 peace keepers, aid workers and others on board. xespers, au workers and others on board.
June 30 — The Iragis take legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 of his top lieutenants, a first step toward the ousted dictator's expected trial for crimes against humanity, after nearly seven years of travel, the international Casain's spacecraft enters orbit around Satum.

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July 1 — Saddam Hussein scoffs in Iraqi court at charges of war es and mass killings, making a defiant first public appearance since

being hunted down seven months ago.

July 2 — Iraql insurgents free two Turkish hostages whose company has reportedly promised to stop working with the U.S. military in Iraq to win

their rele

July 4 — A 20-ton slab of granite is laid at the World Trade Center site as the cornerstone of the skyscraper that will replace the destroyed towas the contrasting of the sayscraper that will replace the destroyed tow-ers; saboteurs blast a strategic crude oil pipeline that runs from Iraq's northern oil fields to the south.

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ter Anna Lindh, ruling that Mijailo Mijailovic should receive tre atric prob icant psy July 9 — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's Cabinet resigns and the longtime leader appoints a relative outsider, Ahmed Nazief, as prime minister, further consolidating his power; the highest U.N. court rules that Israel's planned 425-mile-long barrier in the West Bank violates in-

ternational law and urges the United Nations to take action to stop its France and Iraq restore diplomatic relations that were s

ered 13 years ago during the Gulf War. A disabled militant who is hilled as a close confident to July 13

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Soly 14 — A solitical attacked to the interim Iraqi government's head-quarters in Baghdad, killing 11 people and wounding 40. July 16 — American domestic entrepreneur Martha Stewart is handed a

prison term of five months in prison and five months of home confirment by a U.S. District Court for lying about a stock sale.

July 19 - A 182-carat diamond that a young miner dug up in so ea the previous week is tucked away deep in the vaults of Guinea's Central Bank.

July 20 — A Filipino truck driver is freed by Iraqi insurgents a day after

the Philippines withdraws its last troops; the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly adopts a resolution demanding that Israel comply with a world court decision and tear down the barrier it is building to seal off the

West Bank, Israel vows to continue construction. July 22 — A new high-speed passenger train derails in northwestern Tur-key, killing 37 people and injuring 81. July 23 — Militants in Iraq take an Egyptian diplomat hostage and de-

mand his country forsake any plans it has to send security experts to

July 25 — Lance Armstrong wins a record sixth Tour de France; Pakistan arrests Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian al-Qaida suspect

vanted by the United States in the 1998 bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. July 26 — Mohammed Mamdouh Helmi Qutb, an Egyptian diplomat held

age by militants in Iraq for three days, is released after successful

July 27 — Four French detainees held by U.S. authorities for more than two years at Guantanamo Bay return home — the first French nationals to be released from the U.S. base; a major American Muslim charity and seven of its officers are charged with providing millions of dollars in support to Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist organization blamed for dozens of

July 28 — A car bomb explodes outside a police station used as a recruiting center in Baqouba, Iraq, killing 70 Iraqis and wounding more than 50.

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August

Aug. 1 - A supermarket fire on the outskirts of Asuncion, Paraguay, kills more than 400 people.

more than 400 people.

Aug. 3 — The Statue of Liberty pedestal in New York City reopens to the public for the first time since the 9/11 attacks; Pakistan announces arrests of two al-Qaida terrorists, one with a multimillion-dollar U.S. bounty on his head Aug. 5 — Two-year-dol twins from the Philippines born with the tops of ads fused together are separated at Montefiore Medical Center in

New York City.

Aug. 9 — Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols is sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for his role in the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

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Aug. 10 — The retain of Mouris et Motassades, the only Sept. 11, 2001, terror suspect ever convicted, opens in Hamiltung, Germany.
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aut Imt. Hurcare Charley lewers 31 people dead in Protion and causes

\$7.4 billion insured damage.

Aug. 22 — Armed thieves steal the Edvard Munch masterpiece "The

n" and a second Munch painting, "Madonna," from the Munch mu um in Oslo, Norway.

Aug. 24 — Uzbekistan's Supreme Court sentences 15 al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants to as long as 18 years in prison for a series of bombings in the country that killed at least 47 people in March and April; two Russian airliners crash almost simultaneously after taking off from the same Moscow airport, killing a total of 90 people.

Aug. 28 — Islamic militants claiming to be holding two French jo give France 48 hours to overturn the law that bans the wearing of ead scarves in schools.

Aug. 29 — Kremlin-favored candidate Alu Alkhanov wins Chechnya's pres-

l election, succeeding Akhmad Kadvrov who was assassinated Aug. 31 — Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic opens his long-delayed defense in the second half of his U.N. war crimes trial in the Hague, Netherlands; Palestinian suicide bombers blow up two buses almost simultaneously in Beersheha Israel killing at least 16 passengers and wounding more than 80

Sentember

Sept. 1 - A band of terrorists, belie eved led by a Chechen warlord takes more than 1,000 people hostage at a Russian school. The seizure was AP's number nine story of the year. When the seizure ended on Sept. 3, amid explosions and gunfire, more than 330 hostages had been killed — most of them children.

Sent 1 — Militants in Iran free seven employees of a Kuwaiti trucking firm

in in insured damages. Sept. 8 — The Genesis space capsule, which has orbited the sun for more

than three years, crashes to Earth after its parachute falls to deploy.

Sept. 9 — Hurricane Ivan pummels Grenada, Barbados, other Caribbean islands, and southern United States; storm is blamed for 121 deaths.

Sept. 14 — Guerrillas bomb a Baghdad shopping street full of police re-cruits, killing at least 59 people.

__ Three Americans __ lad by a former Green Reret who hoseted Sent 15 he had Pentagon support — are found guilty of torturing Afghans in a private jail and sentenced to prison.

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Sept. 17 — Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev claims responsibility for a school hostage-taking and other attacks that have claimed more than 430

sept. 19 — Former Chinese President Jiang Zemin turns over his I major post as chairman of the commission that runs China's military, to his successor Hu Jintao, completing the country's first peaceful leadership transition since its 1949 revolution; militants decapitate three hostages believed to tion since his 1949 revolution; miniaritis decapitate infee hostages believed be Iraqi Kurds in a videotape that surfaces hours after Iraq's prime minis says January elections will be held on schedule.

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Sept 20 — A video posted on a Web site shows the purported beheading
of a man identified as American construction contractor Eugene American.

Sept 21 — Tropical Storm Jeanne leaves nearly more than 1,800 people
dead in Halfi, nearly 900 missing, nearly 900,000 homeless.

Sept 21 — Hundreds of Synan soldiers stationed near Lebanon's capital

begin dismantling their bases in an effort to appease a U.N. Security Council

Sept. 25 — The four major hurricanes that devastated Florida and other southern states were AP's number three story of the year. The hurricanes — Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne — killed 117 people in hurricanes — Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne — killed 117 people in Florida, destroyed 2,500 homes and caused more than \$22 billion in in sured losses. Not since 1886 had one state been hit by four hurricane in one season. The death toll from the 2004 hurricane and tropical storms season was more than 2,000: Hurricane Charley (United States storms season was more than 2,000: Hurricane Charley (United States 31, Cuba 4, Jamaica 1); Hurricane Frances (United States 33, Bahamas 2); Tropical Storm Gaston (United States 8); Hurricane Ivan (Inited States 8); Hurricane Ivan (Inited States 8); Hurricane Jeanne (Halti more than 1,800, Dominican Republic 24, Puertc

. 26 - Pakistani forces kill a suspected top al-Qaida operativ for his alleged role in the 2002 kidnapping and beheading of Wall Street Jour-nal reporter Daniel Pearl; a month of U.S. airstrikes on rebel-held Fallujah has hall reporter Daniel ream, a month of 0.3. ansinkes on reporter bander ream, a month of 0.3. anilitary officials announce.

Sept. 28 — Two Italian and two Iraqi aid workers kidnapped in Iraq are freed after three weeks in captivity.

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Sept 29 — A Saudi suspected to being an associate of Osama bin Laden and a Veneri militant are sentenced to death by firing squad for the bornbing of the USS Cole four years ago, the first convictions in the al-Qaida terror attack that stilled 17 American sallors.

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ck that killed 17 American sailors. Sept. 30 — A string of bombs kills 35 children and wounds scores of others in Baghdad at a government-sponsored celebration to inaugurate a sew

October

Oct 1 - U.S. and Irani forces launch a major assault to renain control of the insurgent stronghold of Samarra, killing more than 36 insurgents.
Oct. 4 — American researchers Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck win the
2004 Nobel Prize in physiology, or medicine.



Jack McAllister salvages items from what was a bathroom in his mobile home in the Windmill Village park in Punta Gorda, Fla., on Aug. 17. A record four hurricanes battered the Sunshine State during a span of six weeks, killing more than 100 people and causing \$42 million in damage.

- Americans David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and Frank Wilczek win the 2004 Nobel Prize in physics. Oct. 6 — Israelis Aaron Ciechanover and Avram Hershko, and American

win Rose win the 2004 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

Oct. 9 — Afghanistan's first direct presidential election begins.

Oct. 10 — A videotape of the beheading of British hostage Kenneth Bigley

annears on an Islamic Web site

Oct. 11 — Shilte militia flighters start turning in weapons in Baghdad's Sadr City under a deal seen as a key step toward ending weeks of flighting with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the Shilte militant stronghold; the European Union U.S. and iraqi rotoes in me sinite mitiant strongnoir, in the Luropean Union ends 12 years of sanctions against Libya and eases an amis embargo, of ct. 17 — Jordan's military prosecutor indicts Abu Mussb al-Zarqaw, on of the most wanted insurgents in Iriaq, and 12 other afleged Muslam militarist for an afleged el-Calida linked plot to attack the U.S. Embassy in Amman. Oct. 19 — Insurgents about Margaret Hassars, the local director of CARE.

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Oct. 23 — A 6.8-magnitude earthquake in northern Japan kills 39 people and drives some 100,000 from their homes; insurgents waylay three minibus es carrying U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers and massacre about 50 of them.

Oct. 25 — Expyt arrests eight Expytians and accuses them of plotting the nearly simultaneous car bombings of a hotel and tourist camp in the Sinal that killed at least 34 people on Oct. 7; at least 78 Muslim detaines suffocate or are crushed to death in southern Thailand after the police round up 1,300 peoare crumed to oean in southern in leation after the police outrid up 1,300 people and pack them into trucks following a riot; Israel gives Yasser Anafat permission to briefly leave his compound to receive medical treatment in the West Eark city of Ramallah.

Oct. 26 — A video on a militant Islamic Web site says a Japanese man is to be beheaded unless. Japan pulls troops from Iraq; the Israeli parliament ap-

roves Ariel Sharon's withdrawal plan from Gaza Strip and parts of the West

Oct. 27 — New York City's subway marks 100th ann Oct. 28 — Scientists reports in the journal Nature that they have found the skeleton of a new human species in Indonesia; insurgents execute 11 Iraqi soldiers and declare on an Islamic militant Web site that Iraqi fighters will avenge "the blood" of women and children killed in U.S. strikes on the guerril-

la stronghold of Fallujah.
Oct. 29 — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is flown to Paris for medical treatment, breaking free from nearly three years of Israeli-imposed confine-ment at his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah; Osama bin Laden, reading a statement to the American people in a new videotape, directly admits for the first time that he ordered the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks

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Oct. 30 — The decapitated body of a Japanese backpacker is found wrapped in an American flag in northwestern Baghdad. The militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi later claims responsibility.

November

Nov. 2 - Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh is slain in Amsterdam, Nether lands, after receiving death threats over a movie he made criticizing the tre ment of women under Islam

Nov 2 - President Rush wine a second term date John Kerry. The U.S. presisdential election was AP's number one story of the year. After vanquishing Howard Dean, John Edwards and other Democratic rivals, Kerry seemed to have a strong chance of ousting Democratic rivals, kerry seemed to nave a strong chance or ousting Bush. But the Massachusetts senator struggled to explain his stance on Iraq, underestimated the sting of negative ads and — in the end — narrowly lost the pivotal swing state of Ohio after a campaign in which Bush, over and over, insisted he was best qualified to be commander in chief at a time of complex challenges to national security.

Nov. 3 — Hamid Karzai is officially declared the winner of Afohanistan's

Nov. 4 — Ivory Coast warplanes bomb the largest city of the rebel-held north, breaking a more than year-old cease-fire in the civil war that split the

 5 — Russian President Vladimir Putin signs a bill confirming the country's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

Nov. 7 — France rolls out overwhelming military force to put down an ex-

plosion of anti-French violence in Ivory Coast, its former West African colony. Nov. 8 — Thousands of U.S. troops attack the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Iraq; the U.S. dollar is eliminated from circulation in Cuba. Nov. 11 — Lithuania becomes the first country in the 25-member Europe-an Union to ratify the EU constitution. Nov. 11 — Yasser Arafat, revered as the champion of Palestinian statehood and reviied as a terrorist, dies at a French military hospital

outside Paris. Arafat's death was AP's number seven story of the year. For three decades, Arafat was a hero to most of his follow Pelestinians et al. His death, at see great the properties of the second properties et al. His death, at see gre 75, triggered remotional mourning among Palestin-ians but also sparked hopes of a breakthrough in efforts to end their long, bloody conflict with Israel.

Nov. 14 — Iran notifies the U.N. nuclear watchdog in writing that it will suspend uranium enrichment and related activities to dispel suspice

ing to build nuclear arms.

Nov. 16 — Margaret Hassan, an aid worker kidnapped after decades of

helping Iraqis, is believed murdered after Al-Jazeera television receives a video of a woman's slaying.

Nov. 21 — Iraqi authorities set Jan. 30, 2005, as the date for the nation's

st election since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship.

Nov. 22 — Three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afchanistan four weeks ago are released unharmed

Nov. 23 — Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko declares himself the winner of Ukraine's disputed presidential election and takes a symbolic oath of office. Nov. 24 — Ukraine's election officials declare that the Kremlin-backed prime

minister Viktor Yanukovych has won Ukraine's bitterly disputed presidential run-off balloting. Thousands of opposition supporters demonstrate in Kiev. Nov. 27 — After 40 years in North Korea and less than one month in a U.S. military jail near Tokyo, U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins becomes a Thinkey jain lear INV, U.S. Anny deserted challes serials seconds free man; the number of corpses found in and around Mosul, Iraq, reach 35. Eleven have been identified as members of the Iraqi security forces, where the second is bever have been identified as members of the fractise security forces, who we been targeted by insurgents. Nov. 28 — Iraq's most feared terror group claims responsibility for slaugh-

tering members of the Iragi security forces in Mosul, where dozens of bodi รู การราชการ เกาะ การพุทธพาสาราชาย

December

Dec. 2 — The European Union begins its biggest-ever military operation, formally taking over NATO's peacekeeping mission in Bosnia with 7,000 troops.

Dec. 3 — Insurgents launch two major attacks against a Shitte mosque and a police station in Baghdad, killing 30 people, including at least 16 police officers: Ukraine's Supreme Court declares the results of the country's disputofficers, oxidaries supperine count declarates for reseaus on the country's disput-ed presidential run-off election invalid and rules that the run-off ishould be re-peated on Dec. 26; back-to-back storms in the Philippines that began Nov. 29 kill at least 568 people and leave hundreds missing. Dec. 7 — Hamild Karzai is sworm in as Afghanistan's first popularly elected

Dec. 8 — U.S. Congress approves the historic overhaul of spy agencies in

response to the 9/11 commission's recommendations.

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Dec. 11— Doctors in Austria determine that Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko was poisoned with dioxin, which caused the severe disfigurement and partial paralysis of his face; Myanmar's ruling military junta announces that more than 5,000 prisoners will be freed from various prisons. the third such release in less than a month. Dec 15 - American telecommunications plants Sprint Corp. and Nevtal

Communications Inc. announce they'll merge in \$35 billion deal that would create the third largest U.S. wireless telephone service provider, Time Warn-er Inc. agrees to pay \$210 million to settle U.S. federal securities fraud charginvolving the company's America Online unit.

Dec. 22 — A suicide bomber attacks a crowded mess tent at a U.S. base arr Mosul, Iraq, kiling 22 people, most Americans.

Dec. 26 — Devastating quake: The world's most powerful earthquake in

Dec. 26 — Devisitating quake: Ine words most poweru earinquake in 40 years rocks northern Indonesia and launches Isunamis that fill more than tens of thousands of people in Asia and Africa. Dec. 27 — Opposition leader Viktor Vashchenko declares victory in Ukraine's liercely contested presidential election. Dec. 28 — The World Health Organization warns that disease in the after-

math of the Isunami catastrophe could kill as many people as the deally waves and earthquake; Susan Sontag, a leading intellectual and advist of the past half century who introduced the concept of 'camp' to mainstream cul-ture and influenced the way many thought about art, illness and photography, dies at age 71; actor Jerry Orbach, who played a sardonic, seen-it-all oop on TV's "Law & Order" and scored on Broadway as a song-and-dance man, dies of prostate cancer at age 69.

Dec. 29 — The first Indonesian military teams reach the devastated west bec. 25—The island, finding thousands of bodies. Sri Lanka says it was tetting its first reports of disease outbreaks. Death toll is reported at more an 117,000 and climbing.

Military dominates talk in election year

By PATRICK DICKSON AND LISA BURGESS Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - The presidential election dominated the front pages around the world in 2004, but it was the military that drove much of the conversation surround. ing the campaign.

Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry presented himself as a viable commander in chief by focusing on his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Debate over his war record quickly became the dominant topic in the campaign, with the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a Texas-based Political Action Committee, flooding the airwayes with counterclaims as to Kerry's exploits.

President George Bush already had en-

dured similar criticism, coming from filmmaker Michael Moore, who questioned the president's service in the Alabama National Guard with his film "Fahrenheit 9/11."

Although at times Washington's favorite sport appeared to be forming pools on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation date. Rumsfeld remains.

He was criticized for the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, what were widely perceived as inadequacies in postwar plan ning and his response to a question from a soldier in Kuwait in December about why his men were scrounging to armor trucks bound for Iraq. Yet Rumsfeld stayed, while many other figures in the Bush Cabinet moved on after the elections.

The service chiefs were less bulletproof. Army jaws dropped last year when Rumsfeld suggested that Air Force Secretary James Roche should replace Thomas White as Army Secretary, after White resigned in May 2003.

Roche was a former Naval officer with no Army experience. But his nomination stalled in the Senate Armed Services Committee, primarily because of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who criticized a \$21 billion air tanker leasing arrangement Roche sunnorted

Roche withdrew his name from consideration on Nov. 16, and the Senate quietly confirmed defense industry executive Francis J. Harvey as the new secretary of

Meanwhile, Navy Secretary Gordon England was mum on whether he intends to remain for a second Bush term.

But the war in Iraq was never far from the headlines, with death tolls in Iraq ton-

year, according to statistics compiled by the Pentagon. In 2004 alone, 842 servicemembers were killed, and thousands were injured, especially by improvised explo-

sive devices and mortars. Congress and other critics grilled the Pentagon about why more armored vehicles and personal protective gear had not

been sent to the region. In Afghanistan, another 50 U.S. servicemembers died in 2004 bringing the total in that war to 151 since it began in October

And though the Bush administration last year envisioned smaller troop numbers in Iraq by this time, the number is ramping up in preparation for January elections.

The success or failure of those elections will shape much of what happens to the military in 2005

DOD year in review

Jan 8: In Iran a U.S. Black Hawk helicon ter crashes in Nuaymiya, near Fallujah, kill ing nine soldiers

Jan. 9: U.S. Defense Department gives Saddom Hussain prienner of war status a lowing the former Iraqi dictator access to Red Cross personnel

Jan. 11: Former Treasury secretary Paul O'Neill tells "60 Minutes" that the Bush ad-ministration had been planning an attack against Iraq since the first days of the presi dency

Jan. 20: President Bush delivers his State of the Union address defending the war in Iraq, tax cuts and highlighting the urgency to continue fighting terrorism

February Feb. 2: The Bush administration releas

its \$2.4 trillion budget proposal for fiscal 2005 that would boost military funding by 7.1 Fab. 12: Two former employees of Iran

contractor Halliburton say the company "routinely overcharged" the U.S. military. Feb. 23: Army officials announce they will kill the \$38 billion Comanche helicopter pro-

gram. Feb 29: Under U.S. pressure. Haiti's pres

ident, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, resigns and goes into exile. U.S. Marines begin to arriving in the country to help keep the peace.

March

March 18: NATO deploys an additional 1,000 peacekeepers to Kosovo to help the 18,000 already there, as violence threatens

Army Spc. Lynndie England, of the 372nd Military Police Company,

became the face of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq

March 20: Dozens die in clashes betw Serbs and athnic Albanians in Knewn March 29: The North Atlantic Treaty Orna

nization formally admits seven new coun-tries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia March 31: Four LLS, civilian contract work

ers are shot, mutilated, and then dragged through the streets of Fallujah, Iraq, and their nains hung from a bridge.

Anril

April 5: U.S. troops raid Fallujah in response to the killing and mutilation of the four contractors.

April 11: U.S. commanders order a cease-fire in Fallujah after two members of Iraqi Governing Council resign in protest of Anril 14: In an audiotane hmadraet a

nan believed to be Osama bin Laden says his al-Qaida organization will declare a truce with nations that withdraw troops from Muslim nations. April 19: U.S. officials say they will end the

sive in Fallujah if insurgents agree to surrender their weapons April 22: Army Spc. Pat Tillman, who left

the National Football League to fight along-side his brother in the Army Rangers, is killed in Afghanistan. The Army says Tillman was killed by the enemy in a prolonged fire fight

graphic photos, taken in late 2003, of Ameri-can soldiers grinning as they abuse Iraqis in the Abu Ghraib prison.

April 30: U.S. Marines transfer security of Saleh, a former general and member of Sad



Veterans and other visitors to Washington flocked to the National

World War II Memorial in the days before its dedication on May 29. dam Hussein's Benublican Guard

May

May 4: Defense Department officials announce 135,000 U.S. soldiers will remain in Iraq through 2005, even though an e plan said that number would be reduced to 115,000 by the end of May 2004

May 5: Bush appears on Arab television to call abuse and deaths of Iraqi prisoners "abhorrent." Bush criticizes Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for not informing him about the photos earlier. May 19: In the first court-martial in the pris-

oner abuse scandal in Iraq, Spc. Jeremy Sivits pleads guilty to several charges.

May 20: U.S. troops and Iraqis confiscate computers and ransack headquarters of Ahmad Chalabi, a member of the Iraqi Gov erning Council who had been receiving a monthly stipend from the U.S. government

May 26: The Islamic government and udan People's Liberation Army agree to end civil war that has lasted more than 20 years and claimed about 2 million people but fighting continues in the western Darfur een Arab militias and black Afri-

May 28: Iyad Allawi, former exile and nember of the Iraqi Governing Council, is chosen as Iraq's interim prime r

May 29: The new National World War II Memorial is dedicated in Washington, with almost 10,000 veterans of that war in atten-

May 30: The Washington Post cites an

tion report that says Spc. Pat Army investigation report that Sa Tillman was killed by friendly fire.

June

June 1: U.N. peacekeepers arrive in Haiti to begin taking over for the Marine-led multi-The Army announces that troops

heading for service in Irag and Afghanistan nded tours. June 7: Pentagon officials announce

plans to withdraw about 12,500 U.S. troops om South Korea.

June 23: Bush administration offers fuel

oil and a "provisional security guarantee" to North Korea if it agrees to disclose details of its weapons program, allow inspections, and begin to dismantle its nuclear program. June 24: North Korea threatens to test a

June 27: Iraqi "Islamic Reaction" group threatens to behead Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, an American of Lebanese de nt, unless the U.S. releases all Iraqi p oners. Hassoun later turns up in his native Lebanon and is returned to LLS, custody

June 29: Pentagon officials announce the call-up of 5 600 Inactive Ready Reserve sol diers for service in Iraq and Afghanistan

July July 1: Sadd

pears in Iraq court for the firs time to be arraigned on charges of crimes against humani-

July 22: The U.S. Army in spector general contradicts the findings of Army Maj. Gen. Anto-nio Taguba, says rogue soldiers



problems, caused prisoner abuse at Abu Gh

August Aug. 5: Shiite cleric Mugtada al-Sadr or-

ders an uprising against coalition troops. Vio lence flares in Naiaf and Baghdad; hundreds of Iragis are killed Aug. 16: Bush announces that the Penta oon will withdraw 60.000 to 70.000 troops

from Europe and Asia over the next 10 Aug. 26: Al-Sadr agrees to deal brokered by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani to end the

ege of Najaf and Kufa.

September

Sent 7: The American death toll in Iran

Sept. 29: Judges in Yemen sentence Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri and Jamal al-Badawi to death for plotting the 2000 attack on the American destroyer USS Cole.

October

Oct. 1-3: In a battle that later will be held up as a model for the fight for Fallujah, more than 5,000 U.S. soldiers, assisted by newly trained Iraqi troops, take over Samarra from

Oct. 9: Afghanistan holds elections. De spite allegations of fraud by some of the 17 other candidates on the ballot, Hamid Karzai

is declared the winner Nov. 3. Oct. 24: Fifty new graduates of a coali-

tion-sponsored Iraqi Army training course are executed en masse by insurgents loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Oct 25: The New York Times reports that

about 380 tons of explosives disappeared from Irao's al-Qagaa military installation comptime after the LLS Jed war heren in

November

Nov. 8: U.S. forces initiate an all-out assault on Fallujah, which had been under the control of insurgents since May.

Nov. 16: Bush nominates his national se-curity adviser, Condoleezza Rice, as secre-tary of state. Rice's deputy, Stephen Hadley, is named to succeed Rice

Nov. 30: The New York Times renorts that International Committee of the Red Cross found military personal used tech-niques on prisoners held at the Guantanamo prison in Cuba "tantamount to torture."

Nov. 30: Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announces his resignation.

December

Dec. 8: A soldier in Kuwait asks Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld why his unit's Humvees and other transport trucks aren't equipped with protective armor, prompting question from Congress and the media about why, after two years of war, only 75 percent of all transport vehicles in the Middle East theater are armored.

Dec. 21: Twenty-two people, including 14 U.S. troops, are killed and 69 personne ounded in an attack on a dining facility at a Dec. 21: Cpl. Hassoun begins his Article

32 pretrial investigation at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Hassoun is charged with desertion after he disanneared from his unit in Iran and later claimed to be kidnapped

Dec. 27: Pacific Command dispatches ships, aircraft and 3,700 troops to aid in disaster relief efforts for victims of the earth quake and tsunami catastrophe in the Indian

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Asia reflects on landmark events in 2004

The Associated Pres-

TOKYO - As 2004 drew to a close, Asians were struggling to recover from a massive earthquake and resulting tsunamis that killed tens of thousands of people in 10 Asian countries and

reached as far as eastern Africa In the last week of December. officials estimated the death toll was well above 100,000, with the highest death tolls in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India. Bodies were quickly buried to stave off

Before the disaster hit on Dec. 26. Asians were reflecting on a series of landmark elections across the vast continent that were to settle questions of war and economy. Those issues are to dominate the region in the coming year.

Afghanistan held its first democratic election peacefully, despite threats of violence. In Malavsia, secular rulers trounced the Islamic fundamentalist opposition. The president of the Philippines won her mandate with a promise to fight terrorism.

For some countries such as Japan, voters focused on their government's stand on the U.S.-led war in Iraq. In other countries, including the Philippines, terrorist attacks on home turf were at issue

The elections illustrated Asia's steady march toward fuller democracy, while highlighting the challenges — political in-stability, enduring poverty and violence - that will continue to face the region in 2005.

By far the most closely watched vote was in Afghanistan, which took an important step in its post-invasion reconstruction with democratic elections in October to install interim leader Hamid Karzai as presi-

The vote, which came three years after the U.S. invasion toppled the fundamentalist Taliban regime, passed off peacefully in the face of attack threats by rebels linked to the former rulers and al-Oaida terrorists.

The continuing violence. how-



A Hindu priest eats next to an idol of the Hindu god Brahma at the site where a temple once stood in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The temple was washed away by the tsunami, triggered by a massive undersea earthquake Dec. 26, that has killed tens of thousands of people across South and Southeast Asia.

ever, claimed more than 1,000 lives during the year, and the country's struggle with instability - and the hunt for terrorist leader Osama bin Laden sure to drive events over the next year.

Fundamentalism was also at issue in Malaysia, where Prime Abdullah Minister Badawi's secular National Front coalition soundly defeated the Islamic opposition, winning 90 percent of the seats in parliament on March 21.

Terrorism and the war in Iraq were high on the agenda in Asia in 2004 and were set to occupy the region in the new year as

In the Philippines, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, in power since 2001, won her first six-year mandate in the May 10 election on the promise of economic reform, job creation and fight against terrorism.

The vote followed the country's worst terror attack: In February, the Abu Sayyaf group claimed responsibility for bomb ing a ferry in Manila Bay, killing more than 100 people.

Indonesia confronted similar struggles as citizens went to the polls three times in 2004. After voting for parliament in April, the country elected retired general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in a landslide as president in September — the first time the country had chosen its leader direct-

followed vote al-Oaida-linked suicide bombing that killed 10 people outside the Australian Embassy.

Violence also flared in Thai

land, where tensions in the Mus lim-dominated south exploded with a Jan. 4 attack by suspected Islamic separatists on an army base. Troubles flared throughout the year, peaking with deadly riots in October.

In Japan, the pro-U.S. ruling coalition kept control of the upper house of parliament in July elections despite the growing strength of the top opposition party. Australian Prime Minis-John Howard — another pro-Washington leader — triumphed in Oct. 9 elections.

While some countries were experimenting with wider democracy, others hewed to authoritarianism.

The deadlock in Myanmar. which is ruled by a military junta, showed few signs of easing in 2004, with pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi remain ing under house arrest. Deadly clashes between Vietnamese troops and Central Highlands Vietnamese tribes protesting religious restrictions triggered fresh criticism of Hanoi's human rights

In China, the central issue was clear: the economy.

Chinese leaders struggled in 2004 to rein in surging economic growth — expected to hit 9 per-cent — that they worried could ignite inflation in the coming year. That would threaten the country's frail banking industry just as it prepares to face the entry of foreign competitors.

Work continued on regional is

India and Pakistan, longtime rivals and sometime battlefield foes, began working awkwardly through a peace process that both say will include the issue at the root of their distrust, the divided Himalayan region of Kash-

Multinational efforts to seek a negotiated solution to the impasse over North Korea's suspected development made little progress in 2004, with the North shunning a planned round of talks in Beijing in September.

With President Bush embarking on a second term in office, North Korea could decide to return to six-party talks in 2005. but the two sides remain far apart on the nuclear issue



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, left, and new Cabinet members attend the swearing-in ceremony of the country's new Cabinet on Dec. 24 at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan.



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Disaster relief on the way from Pacific

Military hauling food, water, clothing, manpower to tsunami-stricken region

By VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Strines

U.S. military officials in the Pacific continued pouring resources into Southeast Asia on Thursday. preparing for large-scale humanitarian and relief operations in the 11 countries rocked by last weekend's massive earthquake and ferocious tsunami

Army Lt. Col. Vi Strong, a Pacific Command spokeswoman, said three disaster-relief assessment teams and a forward command element are on the ground in Utapao, Thailand.

Aid packages were unloaded Thursday from six C-130s that flew in from Yokota Air Base. Japan. KC-135 aircraft from

Andersen Air Base. Force Guam, and Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, also arrived in Thailand and Sri Lanka, carryassessment teams and material needed to establish the command, control and communication structure for Joint Task

headed by Lt Gen. Robert R. Blackman, commander of the Okinawa-based III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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A Marine spokeswoman on Okinawa said a schedule for sending additional personnel to the disaster areas would not be set until the advance teams that departed earlier this week report back.

A disaster-relief assessment team also will gauge the situation in Indonesia, Strong said.

"Now that the forward element is there, we have an opportunity to see what is required," she said. "Then, I think we'll have a better handle on which way to go - and how to best use our resources.

"We're still determining what is most needed. We're doing the immediate things, taking care of basic human needs. In the days to come, I'm sure there'll be a lot more things to be identified that we can help with."

The gruesome aftermath of last Sunday's devastation has been staggering, with more 114,000 confirmed dead in the region. More than half a million people reportedly were injured.

The U.S. military's response has come from all parts of the Pacific. It's part of a widespread relief campaign that includes the State Department, U.S. Agency for International Development. host nations and various humanitarian relief

agencies - all pitching in to identify quirements and coordinate assistance efforts. On Friday.

the USS Fort McHenry was slated to leave Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, while Yokota Air Base officials also planned to dispatch additional troops and

supplies for

the disaster-relief effort Air Force 1st Lt. Warren Comer. a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman, said Yokota's "ongoing operation [would] continue into the foreseeable future."

The anticipated departure of the Fort McHenry, an amphibious dock landing ship, led Sasebo residents to fill eight pallets with donations, which were brought to the ship Thursday morning

"Fort McHenry is prepared and ready to provide humanitarian assistance to the disaster-relief effort ongoing," said Capt. Alan R. Moore, deputy commander of Commander, Task Force 76.

Representatives of Sasebo orga-

BENNIE J. DAVIS III/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Col. Rod Gregory of 13th Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, watches as the last load of cargo is loaded Wednesday aboard a KC-135 headed for Utapao, Thailand, along with a 52-member team in support of the relief efforts in southern Asia. The air expeditionary task force, led by Gregory, is the Air Force component of Joint Task Force 536 — forces that will support the relief effort.

nizations involved with the collection of relief items said the Fort McHenry was set to leave Friday for Thailand. However, Navy offi cials would not confirm a date for the ship's departure or say where it will operate after arriving.

"Amphibious ships, such as the Fort McHenry ... are uniquely compatible for such missions, and regularly train to react to humanitarian assistance," Moore

In early December, the Fort McHenry participated in humanitarian-relief efforts for victims of violent storms and mudslides in the Philippines, along with more than 600 Marines, sailors and airmen from Okinawa. The ship returned to Saseho on Dec. 23

Community contributions added to the Fort McHenry on Thursday include more than 10.000 pounds of clothing and food, according to Jerry Havens, Sasebo Navy League Council pres-

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Sailors from the USS Fort McHenry load boxes of goods that were donated by the base community for victims of the killer tsunamis in Southeast Asia onto the ship Thursday at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan. Anticipating the departure of the Fort McHenry for the affected areas Friday, the base community donated eight pallets of goods for the relief effort.

Whereabouts of some still unknown

U.S. military authorities in South Korea on Friday were continuing their efforts to account for members of their military communities who were or may have been in the disaster-stricken areas, said Army Col. MaryAnn Cummings, chief spokeswoman for U.S. Forces Korea, in Seoul

A Marine spokeswoman on Okinawa said Wednesday that officials there had not been made aware of anyone missing; no update was given Thursday. Bases in Japan reported earlier this week that all personnel were accounted for.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific officials said Wednesday that 14 teachers believed to have been vacationing in Thailand were unaccounted for. DODDS-Pacific officials did not respond to requests for an update on Thursday.

Americans looking for information about a missing person or with information about someone can call the American Citizen Services hot line in Thailand at 66-2-205-4049, or ask questions or submit information at acsbkk@state.gov

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Okinawa, Guam assessment teams set up in Sri Lanka

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Strines

KATUNAYAKA AIR FORCE BASE, Sri Lanka - More than two dozen U.S. military members arrived here early Thursday morning to determine what supplies will be needed for humanitarian relief missions in response to the deadly tsunami that struck this small country.

The servicemembers were in two groups: a disaster relief assessment team from Okinawa. with Marines, soldiers and sailors; and an airfield assessment team from the 613th Contingency Response Group at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Both teams are part of Joint Task Force 536.

They arrived at this Sri Lankan military base to identify what's needed to support the local U.S. Embassy and humanitarian relief

"Our mission here is to go out and size up the relief efforts and provide the embassy with a clearer picture of what the military can provide," said Marine Col. Thomas Collins, disaster relief as-

His team included military members of specialties including civil affairs, medical treatment, preventive medicine and contracting and civil engineers.

The airmen from Andersen were in Sri Lanka "to evaluate the conditions of the airfield and to se lect the best place for strategic airlift," said Lt. Col. Paul Williams, that team's commander, according to an 18th Wing news release from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, "We will make sure that the local airfields can support aircraft like the C-17 and the C-5 during disaster relief operations.'

Williams brought less than a dozen nersonnel for the assessment Thursday but said he expects the rest of the unit to follow shortly to help offload relief supplies, the news release stated.

Both teams traveled to Sri Lanka on an eight-hour flight on a KC-135R from the 909th Aerial Refueler Squadron from Kadena. Arriving at approximately 12:30 a.m. Thursday, they were greeted by dozens of local residents and .S. Embassy staff members.

Once the assessment teams complete their evaluations, airlifts will begin from Yokota Air Base near Tokyo and from Kadena. officials said. Crews will be scheduled to fly around the clock to transport much-needed items such as water, food and medical

"We will do whatever we need help," Mai. Alex Ferido. KC-135 aircraft commander and member of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron at Kadena, was quoted as saying in the release. Today we brought some Marines and airmen. Tomorrow we might be refueling aircraft coming to the Pacific to help alleviate this tragedy.

Over the next week, Collins said, his team will determine what's needed: he'll also talk with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Expeditionary Strike Group 5, both of which are to head to the region.

"We have to size it all up so we can call back (to the joint task force) and say, 'Hey, this is what you need.'" he said. "But we'll meet with the embassy first to see what they need. The embassy is going to give us a lot of dictation

"This is just the initial stage. he said. "The heavy punch will be about a week from now.'

Collins said Thailand will be the major hub, and equipment and supplies will be flown via C-130 to other staging areas. He said the task force then will use the helicopters from the 15th MEU to distribute the supplies.



U.S. servicemembers load bags onto a truck after arriving at Katunavaka Air Force Base in Sri Lanka early Thursday morning from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Two teams - one for airfield assessment and another for disaster relief assessment — will determine what airfields can be used and what supplies will be needed for the relief mission there.

The III Marine Expeditionary Force, which leads the joint task force, already is setting up a command post in Thailand, he said. An advance group left Okinawa for Thailand on Wednesday to begin setting up the command ele-

So far, Air Force C-130s and KC-135s and Navy P-3s have flown around the clock from Kadena to transport pallets of water, food, clothing and medical supplies to Thailand, in what is expected to be one of the largest humanitarian relief operations since the Berlin Airlift, said Capt, Carlos Diaz, an 18th Wing spokes-

As the teams arrived in Sri Lanka, other assessment teams were dispersing throughout the hard-hit region, Collins said. He said initial plans have his team on the ground for approximately 45 days, but that always could

"It's a true team effort," he said. "I don't care who has got the lead ... if they need my help, I'll fall in. It's not about the glory, it's about getting the job done.

"When they say, 'We don't need vou.' that's when you go home. We will adapt, improvise and overcome

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Relief: Expediency is mission's first concern

Cmdr. Harvey Ranard, Sasebo's command chaplain, thanked base leaders for their "thoughtfulness ... and for the work in staging the supplies for transport.'

"May our prayers be that these supplies touch both the hands and hearts of those who need them the most," he said.

At Kadena, two KC-135 Stratotankers took off early Thursday for Utapao with six pallets each of water and Meals, Ready to Eat, said Maj. Mike Paoli, an 18th Wing spokesman.

"Also, a C-130 Hercules from Yokota left here about 9:30 a.m. loaded with heavy equipment " Paoli said A third KC-135 denarted Okinawa on a refueling mission.

Andersen officials planned no additional troop movements Thursday after sending 52 airmen to Thailand a day earlier as part of the Air Expeditionary Task Force, the Air Force component of Joint Task Force 536

"They're getting things set up to begin airlift operations," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gatewood, a 36th Air Expeditionary Wing spokesman at Andersen. "We're always ready to go and assist if we're called upon, but I haven't heard anything more going on just yet.

"Our main goal is to be as expedient as we can to help lessen the suffering of the people over there. We want to help marshal the cargo coming in to make sure the supplies are getting to the right spots."

Prior to the deployment, Andersen servicemembers were briefed about mission conduct and the grave situation that awaited them in earthquake and tsunami-ravaged areas, according to the Pacific Daily News. Maj. Greg Woodbury, an Andersen chaplain, tried to prepare the group

"It's hard to deal with the death and destruc-



GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

The Religious Ministries Department of Sase. bo Naval Base, Japan, on Thursday donated a van full of goods for victims of the killer tsunami in Southeast Asia. The USS Fort McHenry will deliver them.

tion. It breaks the people, and if you're not prepared for it, it overwhelms you," he told the paper. "The sights and smells stay with you

Misawa Air Base, Japan, had committed no assets to the humanitarian campaign on Thursday but officials said they awaited the

"Misawa Air Base stands ready to provide assistance to the affected region, but we haven't received an execute order vet." said 1st Lt. James Lage, a base spokesman.

Strong said six more Navy P-3 Orion air-

craft from Kadena will be sent to Utapao in coming days. They'll join the three already in Thailand to expand search-and-rescue ef-

PACOM officials also have summoned eight maritime propositioning ships - large cargo vessels packed with food, fresh water and other relief supplies - to the impacted areas. They should arrive in a week to 10 days from Guam and Diego Garcia.

"These are commercial ships that have been leased to the Military Sealift Command," Strong said, "and they serve as floating warehouses for our expeditionary forces.

They can carry up to 450,000 gallons of fresh water and generate up to 90,000 gallons of potable water each day, she added. They also haul heavy transport and relief equipment such as bulldozers, generators, five-ton trucks, amphibious vehicles and Humvees.

Two forensic teams from the POW Account Command will arrive in Utapao this weekend, with additional units standing by. Strong said they'll help in recovery and identification pro-

No lengths have been established for most of the deployments, officials said.

"U.S. forces will remain only as long as necessary in order for affected nations to conduct sustained disaster-relief operations on their own," Strong said. "Our primary concern is to rapidly reduce the further loss of life and human suffering."

The U.S. military's disaster-relief campaign won't adversely affect PACOM's obligations in the global war on terrorism, she added. "We're structured to rapidly respond to any crisis around the globe," Strong said.

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Donations sought for orphans

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa The wife of a Navy chaplain here is seeking donations for orphans and villagers in southeast India devastated by last Sunday's killer tsunami.

Renee Reed, director of international operations for Global Outreach Inc., said she is seeking funds to help feed and clothe people in the coastal vil-lages of Machili, Patnam, East Godvari and West Godvari, areas served by her nonprofit agency's nondenominational Christian outreach. "This is an organization

started by my parents in Arizo-na 17 years ago," Reed said. 'We support orphanages and work with local pastors in that area of India.

She said the reports she has received from contacts in the area are heartbreaking.

"There is this one fishing village where 30 people from just one of our congregations were killed with their wives," she said. "But 20 of their children were at school and survived and now we have 20 new orphans?

She said people wishing to make a tax-deductible dona tion can contact her at DSN 645-1629.

WHO: Up to 5M lacking survival basics

Death toll tops 117,000 in Asia; survivors fight disease, crocodiles

By CHRIS BRUMMITT The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -Up to 5 million people around the tsunami-struck Indian Ocean region do not have access to the basics they need to stay alive clean water, shelter, food, sanita tion and health care, the U.N. World Health Organization said, saying it needed \$40 million dollars to get those supplies to vic-

The death toll from last weekend's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe rose to more than 117,000 Thursday as Indonesia uncovered more and more dead from rayaged Sumatra island, where nilots dropped food to remote villages still unreachable by rescue workers. A false alarm that new killer waves were about to hit sparked panic in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

The increase in the death toll came after Indonesia reported nearly 28,000 newly confirmed dead in Sumatra, which was closest to the earthquake's epicenter and was overwhelmed by the tsunami that followed. Some 60 percent of Banda Aceh, the main city in northern Sumatra, was destroyed, the U.N. children's agency estimated, and 115 miles of the island's northwest coast - lined with villages - was inundated.

Another zone where officials have hardly begun to get a sense of the human cost was India's remote Andaman and Nicobar isout. The region's administrator said Thursday that 10,000 people were missing

Survivors who reached the archipelago's main city, Port Blair, said they had not eaten for two days and neonle had to contend with hungry crocodiles that were washed ashore. "Two or three crocodiles started coming toward us," said Sister Charity, a 32-year-old nun, decribing her rescue from a small island by the navy. "The navy officers had to fire their revolvers to ward off the crocodiles

International governments have so far donated some \$500 million for victims of the disaster. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said.

Indonesia, with around 80,000 dead, was the worst hit, followed by Sri Lanka with 27,200. India with more than 7,300 and Thailand at 2,400. The total across 11 nations in southern Asia and East Africa was likely to rise, with thousands still missing and fears that disease could bring a new wave of deaths

Tens of thousands of residents fled coasts in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand after warnings that a new tsunami was about to strike after new aftershocks hit the Indian Ocean Thursday.

India issued a tsunami warning at midday, but then hours later its science minister, Kapil Sibal, went on television to announce the warning was incorrect and based on information received from a U.S. research firm



Silvarani, a tsunami victim, cries after seeing her damaged house Thursday at a fishermen's colony at Nagappattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Several aftershocks were recorded in the Indian Ocean, but experts said they were not strong enough to spark a tsunami.

Meanwhile, military ships and planes rushed to get desperately needed aid to Sumatra's ravaged

Food drops began along the coast, mostly of instant noodles and medicines, with some of the areas "hard to reach because they are surrounded by cliffs," said Budi Aditutro, head of the government's relief team

Government institutions in Aceh province, on Sumatra's northern tip, have ceased to function and basic supplies such as fuel have almost run out.

On the streets of Banda Aceh the provincial capital, fights have broken out over packets of noodles dropped from military vehi-

"I believe the frustration will be growing in the days and weeks ahead. U.N. Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Jan Egeland said.

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On hundreds of Web sites, the messages were brief but poi-"Missing: Christina Blomee in Khao Lak." or simply. "Where are you?"

But even as hope for the missing dwindled, survivors continued to turn up.

In Sri Lanka, a lone fisherman named Sini Mohammed Sarfudeen was rescued Wednesday by an air force helicopter crew after clinging to his wave-tossed hoat for three days.

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U.N. added to coalition planning relief

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell conferred by

video hookup with U.N. Secre tary-General Kofi Annan Thurs day on assistance to the victims of the Asian and African tsunamis and then added the United Nations to the core group planning relief efforts.

With the death toll rising above 114,000, European governments were taking soundings on holding an international donors conference Jan. 7. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "the United States will partici-pate at a senior level in whatever donors conference is held."

Boucher reported also that there were now 14 Americans identified as dead in the tsunamis that struck Sunday - two more than the previous estimate - and said 600 Americans who had not been heard from were now accounted for. But he said hundreds remained missing.

The coalition or core group set up Wednesday by President Bush will hold another conference call

among top officials Thursday night. Besides the United States. the participants are Australia, India and Japan For the second session the Unit-

ed Nations is being added, said a senior official who spoke on condition of anonymity

Powell, visiting the Embassy of Thailand Thursday to formally extend condolences to the victims of the Asian and African tsunamis, vowed that the administration would follow through on promises of substantial financial assis-

You can be sure that the pres dent is determined to do what is necessary to deal with this challenge," he said, "We're working very closely with the international community."

Powell was making a round of visits to the embassies of nations ravaged by the disaster as Con gressman Henry J. Hyde, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, said that he was drafting legislation to assist victims and planned to introduce it early next year.

"The infrastructure of daily life is simply gone," said Hyde.

congressional delegation headed by Congressman Jim Leach, a Republican who is a former U.S. foreign service officer, is scheduled to visit Thailand and Sri Lanka next week.

Fourteen Americans have per ished, the State Department said, and 600 others are unaccounted

Pledges of U.S. assistance remained at \$35 million, but parallel Pentagon spending was spiraling upward and could not be calculated quickly. The relief included the arrival of four C130 cargo planes in Thailand with food water and sheltering material and a large supply of rice and other food and assistance was due to arrive in Indonesia by New Year's Eve, a senior U.S. official said

At the Embassy of Indonesia later, Powell wrote a message in a condolence book, expressing the support and sympathy of the American people. He said he had never seen such a tragedy and said that it was "time for us to join together in solidarity.

Associated Press diplomatic writer Barry Schweid in Washington contribut ed to this story.



Timely action needed to rein in disease

Officials warn youngest tsunami survivors particularly vulnerable

BY SAM CAGE

GENEVA — The next few days will be critical in controlling any potential outbreak of waterborne diseases in areas affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami, the U.N. health agency said Thursday.

The incidence of diarrhea is increasing,

The incidence of diarrhea is increasing, but is no more than expected at this stage of a natural disaster, said Dr. David Nabarro, head of crisis operations for the World Health Organization.

"We remain really concerned about the situation," Nabarro told The Associated Press, adding that it is becoming clearer whether medical supplies are matching the needs of the affected areas.

"It's a normal anxiety that we have at this time, that we've got a clearer understanding of the needs but we've also got a clearer concern about the supplies," Nabarro said.

Governments are still trying to determine how many were killed in the devastation wreaked by Sunday's quake and the tsunami it caused. Worst-hit have been Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and the Maldives.

The international Red Cross on Thursday said it believes the confirmed death toll, currently at 117,000, will continue to rise.

"We are concerned about children under 5 and pneumonia because they are probably quite weak children, they weren't very advantaged children to begin with and so they could be quite vulnerable," said Sian Bowen, spokeswoman for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. "So it is indeed a huge concern."

Sporadic cases of diarrhea are being reported, but the number will "obviously increase" as relief organizations penetrate further into the affected areas, said Jamie McGoldrick, an emergency relief coordinator of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva.

The United Nations is particularly concerned about the situation in Indonesia's Aceh province, which was closest to the epicenter of the earthquake.

"Agencies are now starting to beef up their presence, and I think more importantly for us, we're starting to establish presence in Bandah Aceh, which we think is one of the biggest concerns," McGoldrick said. "We're actively seeking to strengthen that presence."

Nabarro added: "I'm pretty certain the supplies are there, much more it's distributing those supplies to where they're needed, particularly in areas where the infrastructure's so damaged, like Aceh."



An Acehnese covers his nose to avoid the stench of corpses near a village destroyed by the tsunami in Banda Aceh on Indonesia's Sumatra island Thursday. The Aceh province was closest to Sunday's earthquake's epicenter, and U.N. health officials said the wide destruction there will add to the challenge of fighting disease outbreaks.

Citizens make donations for Malaysian victims of Sunday's deadly tsunami in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday. The Malaysian government on Wednesday canceled New Year celebrations nationwide, urging people to pray this weekend that the country will be spared from future disasters such as the tsunami that killed at least 65 Malaysians.

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Some nations to greet New Year with remembrances for victims

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — New Year celebrations across Southeast Asia will be turned into remembrance services for those killed or affected by the quake and tsunami, with some events canceled outright.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi ordered all government-level celebrations to be canceled and substituted with prayer ceremonies, urging the private sector to do likewise.

"This is not a time to be happy," Abdullah said.

Malaysian officials have recovered the bodies of 66 people killed in Sunday's disaster, and are searching for up to 100 still missing.

So far, organizers have scrapped New Year's Eve countdown parties and concerts typically held at landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers. In Hong Kong, the Tourism

Commission canceled fireworks displays scheduled for New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and Jan. 2 out of respect for the disaster victims.

Singapore's main arts center said its New Year's Eve performance now would be a remembrance service for the hundreds of thousands killed by the waves spawned by the magnitude 9.0 quake in the seabed off Sumatra's western cast.

A minute's silence will be held at midnight instead of the traditional raucous countdown in the final seconds of the year, and donations will be collected from the audience for Red Cross relief operations, the Esplanade-Theaters on the Bay said. "This year, in light of the traged dynamid and trained by more appropriate to usher in the new year in a more contemplative manner." the Esplanade said. "The fireworks planned are best reserved for some other, more appropriate occasion in the future."

Earlier this week as the magnitude of the disaster began to become apparent, the Thai government ordered all official agencies to stop celebrations, including those planned for the New Year.

A big countdown party in Bangkok that was to have been attended Friday by Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra and a slew of celebrities has been canceled.

In Germany, organizers of the Berlin New Year celebration asked revelers to make donations to victims of the tsunamis rather than spending the money on fire-

Gates Foundation, Amazon.com pitch in

The Associated Pre

SEATTLE — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged \$3 million and Amazon.com has raised more than \$3.5 million in online donations to aid South Asian countries devastated by tsunamis.

Millions of dollars were flowing to relief agencies around the world to supply food, water, shelter and health care to the region.

Microsoft's company offices in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India are working with relief organizations, a spokeswoman said. The company also is encouraging employees to contribute. Under an existing program,

Microsoft matches charitable donations by its U.S. employees. Online bookseller Ama-

connections began collecting donations for the American Red Cross on its Web site almost immediately, said company spokesman Craig Berman. By Wednesday evening, there had been 60,000 online donations totaling \$3.5 million. The company did the same thing for the agency following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, collecting more than \$6.0 million.

\$6.8 million.

Starbucks Corp. has contributed \$100,000 for international relief organizations — CARE and Oxfam UK. It plans next month to donate \$2 for every pound of Sumatra, Sumatra Decaf and Aged Sumatra whole-bean coffee bought in its stores world-

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Musharraf stays put

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Thursday accused his political opponents of "threatening the democratic process" as he explained to the nation his decision to renege on a promise to step down as army chief by the end of 2004

In an uncompromising na-tionwide televised address, Musharraf, a key ally in the U.S. war on terror, insisted he must continue to hold the post of army chief of staff source of most of his power as well as that of president to

ensure continuity Opposition groups have been sharply critical of the

Nevertheless, Parliament passed a law this month allow-Parliament ing him to stay on in both posts through 2007

"I have decided to retain both offices. In my view, any change in internal or external policies can be extremely dan-

gerous for Pakistan," he said. He accused the opposition of "threatening the democratic process" by trying to make nolitical capital from the issue.

Japan group suicide

TOKYO — Three people were found dead inside a truck, in Japan's latest apparent group suicide, police said.

The two men and a woman were found Thursday in Mitama in central Yamanashi prefecture, 68 miles west of Tokyo, a police spokesman said on the condition of anonymity.

It was believed that the three died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Two portable stoves containing charcoal were found on the back seat of the truck, and the windows were sealed with adhesive tape from the inside, he said. Suicides in Japan hit a record high last year, exceed-

ing 32,000

Saudi police pursuing attackers

Al-Qaida suspected in blasts targeting security forces

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - Terrorist plotters were spooked by an encounter with police, leading them to act hastily in launching twin car-bombings that failed to penetrate the security installations they targeted, a Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

The attacks Wednesday night targeted the Interior Ministry and a recruiting center for the kingdom's anti-terrorism squad. No serious damage was reported, and, while the spokesman said at least 10 militants were killed. only one other person - a limou-- was believed to sine driver have died

A Ministry statement early Thursday blamed the assaults on a "deviant group" - a term the government has used in the past to describe al-Qaida. The bombings followed a call by Saudi-born al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden for more attacks on his homeland.

Bin Laden accuses the West. particularly the United States, of seeking to destroy Islam and criticizes the Saudi royal family for its alliance with Washington.

A police official said that the leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia, Sultan al-Otaibi, was among those killed Wednesday But more than one man has been named as the possible leader of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia following the reported deaths of several ton suspects

Al-Otaibi is on the government list of most-wanted militants.

Police also said another man from the most-wanted list, Ban-



Saudi policemen guard the house of suspected terrorists following a battle with them in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Saudi police continued their hunt for suspects in strikes on the kingdom's security apparatus. Officials said at least 10 militants were killed along with a bystander.

Abdel Rahman al-Dikheel, was killed Wednesday. It was not immediately clear whether either was a suicide homber

The Interior Ministry spokes Gen. Brig. al-Turki, said the attackers would have caused more deaths and destruction had the planning not been disrupted by a shootout with police in the capital Tuesday in which one suspect was killed and another captured. Another suspect was killed early Wednesday as police investigated Tuesday's

vestigation indicated that the arrested militant provided information leading to a house where seven militants were killed on Wednesday shortly after the bombings. Police had said earlier the seven included two who had fled after setting off the Interior Ministry bombing. Al-Turki linked the seven to the bombings. but said none had set off the Interior Ministry blast.

Al-Turki said that besides the seven killed at the house, a total of three attackers were killed at the bomb sites.

The bombings came late in the evening, when few people would have been in the government buildings. But Wednesday night was the beginning of the weekend in the kingdom, so streets were crowded with cars and civilians.

"It is for sure that the terrorist operation was executed hastily, Al-Turki said. "It seemed to be programmed to be executed at a different time and in a different fashion.'

Previous attacks seemed designed to maximize casualties, often Arab and Muslim, Saudi officials pressed that point, scoffing at extremists' claims that "infidels" are their targets.

"This is a heinous and disturb-ing crime," Prince Ahmed bin Abdel Aziz, the deputy interior minister, told Saudi TV. "They are not attacking 'infidels.' This is fighting Muslims and citizens."

Andrew Mitchell, a spokesman for the U.S. embassy in Riyadh, issued a message advising Americans in Saudi Arabia to "be aware of their surroundings, exercise caution, and monitor news reports closely."

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

Some reservists won't benefit from '05 NDA

hen legislative language misfires, Congress can intend one thing and do another. That seems to have occurred last October with passage of the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act

The NDAA adopts a fairer formula for calculating disability retirement for activated National Guard and Reserve personnel. However, the initiative to benefit mobi-

lized reservists, at least for now, is written in a way that helps far fewer members than lawmakers hoped. In fact, it leaves behind most Guard and Reserve members who have been seriously wounded in war.

National Guard and Reserve personnel injured while on active duty, and awarded disability retirement on or after Oct. 28, 2004, will have their pay calculated using a more generous formula.

The change was proposed by Defense offi-cials after seeing a disturbing disparity in disability retirement between active-duty members and activated reservists injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The problem is linked to the "High-3" re-

tirement formula that applies to any member who entered service on or after Sept. 8, 1980 Those who joined earli er and who serve 20 years, see their annuity based on a percentage of "final" basic pay. Retirees under High-3 see annuities based on a percentage of average basic pay over their highest three earning years, usually their last three years of active service.

But three years' ac-tive service for a mobilized Guard and Reserve member, to calcu late disability retire-

ment, can mean going back to period of service when basic pay was set far below current pay levels. This can sharply lower the value of disability retirement compared to active-duty colleagues. Indeed, older, more

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for High-3 Guard or Reserve members as though they served their last three years on active duty But the law wasn't written, officials discov-ered, so it could be applied retroactively to reserve members injured since the war on

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With the NDAA, Con-

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Knowing that was the intent, Defense lawvers and policymakers reviewed the language carefully over the last two months.

terrorism began Sent 11 2001

experienced reservists They found no way to interpret it more wounded in Iraq can rebroadly. In late December, officials issued ceive disability pay guidance to military finance centers to only half the size of that provided to inapply the more favorable High-3 formula only to disability retirements on or after Oct. active-duty 28, when the law was signed.

It's too early to assure disabled reservists that the new Congress will vote to move the effective date back to 9/11. But it clearly is out of sync as written with another 2005 NDAA change, this one directing that the more favorable High-3 formula be used to recalculate survivor benefit to families of reservists who died on active after Sent. 10. 2001.

The SBP change helps only a small number of survivors. Most elect to forfeit SBP anyway to accept tax-free Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. It will make a difference to families with small children who have lost reservists on active duty on or after Nov. 24, 2003.

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IN THE STATES

Congress set to send tsunami aid

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Rep. Henry Hyde

WASHINGTON - When a new Congress convenes next week lawmakers will call on the Bush administration to do all it can to help victims of the tsunami in Asia and Africa. Questions of how much aid will be needed - and how to pay for it - will come

Lawmakers and congressional aides say the Bush administra-

tion should have enough funds avail able for imcoping with suffering mediate reopera tions with out having to request more right

away But money wil likely be needed some point

to replenish emergency funds depleted by the disaster and to help pay for longer term relief and reconstruction

The chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Rep. Henry Hyde, said Thursday he will introduce legislation to help victims of the tsunami.

The challenges of coping with suffering on this magnitude are almost unfathomable, and we will act," Hyde, R-Ill., said.

Some lawmakers say a request could be part of a package expect-ed early next year for \$75 billion to \$100 billion

A senior Democrat, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said the ad-

funds as part of the Iraq package instead of stripping money from existing foreign aid programs, such as those fighting childhood

hunger and diseases Another option, Leahy said, would be using billions of unspent dollars intended for Iraq reconstruction. The administration has spent little of the \$18.4 billion in reconstruction funds approved by Congress last year, citing secu-

> reaucratic "That would be the quickest and easiest way because you wouldn't

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have to hurt the most devastated help most devastated," said Leahy, top Democrat

on the Senate Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, which oversees foreign aid. But Rep. Jim Kolbe, an Arizona Republican who chairs the House Appropriations foreign opera-

tions subcommittee, cautioned against shifting money from Iraq reconstruction. He said those funds were supposed to be spent over three years.

"It's not as though they haven't spent it because it's not needed,

Kolbe said it is possible - but not certain - that the administration could request relief funds as part of next year's Iraq spending

A dry run for New York's big night



Times Square Alliance President Tim Tompkins tosses confetti out his office window in Times Square in New York on Wednesday during the annual "air worthiness test" of the confetti that will be used for the Times Square 2005 New Year's Eve celebration. The simulation is in preparation for the release by hand of 3,000 pounds of confetti from various buildings in Times Square at midnight EST on New Year's Eve.

Ark. judge rules denying gays foster rights unconstitutional

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - A state ban on placing foster children in any household with a gay member was struck down when a judge ruled that the state agency enforcing it overstepped its authority by trying to regulate "public morality

Ruling in a case brought by the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Timothy Fox declared the ban unconstitutional Wednesday. At issue was a 1999 board regulation that said gavs

cannot become foster parents, and foster children cannot be placed in any home with a gay person.

The ACLU had argued that the regulation violates the equal-protection rights of gavs. But the judge's ruling did not turn on that argument.

Instead, Fox noted that the Arkansas Legislature gave the state Child Welfare Agency Review board the power to "promote the health, safety and welfare of children," but the ban does not accomplish that Rather, he said the regulation seeks to regulate "pubthing the board was not given the authority to do

Rita Sklar, director of the Arkansas chapter of the ACLU, expressed satisfaction with the ruling.

'He made extensive findings of fact and he accented everything we entered into the record refuting the state's reasons for the regulation, including these ridiculous claims that gay people are more likely to do drugs or have diseases," Sklar said.

Fox heard extensive testimony in the case over the past year. Several board members testified that they had personal problems with the idea of gays and lesbians engaging in sex.

Fox cited the testimony of sociologists and psychologists that gay people can be as loving and caring foster parents as heterosexuals, and that the children of gay adoptive parents can be as well-adjusted as those raised by heterosexual couples.

The flight that wouldn't end

300 passengers trapped aboard grounded airplane for 18 hours

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - A 10-hour flight from the Netherlands stretched into 28 as passengers diverted from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport by fog sat on the ground at a central Washington airport, stuck on the plane because of custom regulations.

Food and water ran short for the approximately 300 passenaboard Northwest Airlines Flight 33, and the toilets stopped working as the hours dragged on. At least two passengers were treated for medical conditions before passengers were finally allowed to stretch their legs late in the evening.

"It's like we're hostages without being in any kind of hostage Misha situation," passenger Misha Shmidt, a violinist with the Seattle Symphony, told The Seattle Times while on the plane Tuesday night.

The flight finally arrived at

Sea-Tac at 6:26 a.m. Wednesday 18 hours after its scheduled 12:30 p.m. Tuesday arrival.

Heavy fog at Sea-Tac forced the crew of the DC-10-30 to circle the Seattle airport until fuel ran low and the plane had to be diverted across the Cascade Range to Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake. Since embarking on what was supposed to be a 10-hour nonstop flight from Amsterdam, passengers had al-ready been on the plane for roughly 12 hours by the time it arrived at 2:20 n.m.

Passengers had to wait until another crew arrived from Northwest headquarters in Minnesota The flight was delayed further after the plane carrying the crew suffered mechanical problems, airline spokeswoman Mary Stanik said. The crew finally arrived, but then the plane still wasn't able to leave because of bad weather in Moses Lake, Stanik

As passengers waited, food ran out and water had to be rationed. Pizza and soda were finally brought on board around 8:30 p.m., and the toilets also were eventually serviced.

Despite the Grant County airport's "international" moniker, passengers initially weren't al-lowed to leave the plane because the airport, a former Air Force base, isn't equipped to screen so many international travelers. They were finally allowed off the plane late in the evening, after airport officials temporarily cleared an airport terminal and posted sheriff's deputies at the entrances, effectively making it an inter-

Stanik said passengers would receive a gift pack that included phone cards and vouchers for a free airplane ticket anywhere Northwest flies in the United States and Canada

national terminal.

"We apologized to our customers for any and all inconve-nience," she said.

FBI exploring lasers directed at cockpits

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Authorities are investigating a mysterious laser beam that was directed into the cockpit of a commercial iet traveling at more than 8.500

The beam appeared Monday when the plane was about 15 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the FBI said

"It was in there for several seconds like [the plane] was being tracked," FBI agent Robert Hawk said.

The pilot was able to land the plane, and air traffic controllers used radar to determine the laser came from a residential area in suburban Warrensville Heights.

Hawk said the laser had to have been fairly sophisticated to track a plane traveling at that altitude. Authorities had no other leads, and they are investigating whether the incident was a prank or if there was a more sinster motive.

In Colorado Springs, Colo. Monday night, two pilots reported green pulsating laser lights shined into their cockpits. Both the passenger plane and a cargo plane landed without problems.

Police dispatched patrol cars and a helicopter to a neighborhood to investigate but found nothing. FBI agents were con-tinuing to conduct interviews, agency spokeswoman Monique Kelso said

Federal officials have expressed concern about terrorists using laser beams, which distract or temporarily blind a pilot.

The FAA mandates that laser light shows must register their locations and the lights cannot be directed above 3,000 feet.

Lasers are also often used by construction companies to line up foundations.

Interfering with a commer cial flight is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

25 insurgents killed in assault on U.S. post

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Insurgents tried to ram a truck with half a ton of explosives into a U.S. military post in the northern city of Mosul on Thursday, then ambushed reinforcements in a huge gunbattle in which 25 rebels and one American soldier were killed. Warplanes fired missiles and strafed gunmen during the fight.

The assault on the outpost, which U.S. soldiers finally repulsed, appeared to be better coordinated than past attacks, with guerrillas apparently pulling out their strongest assaults in an effort to derail Jan. 30 elections, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said.

"The terrorists are growing more desperate in their attempts to derail the elections, and they're trying to put it all on the line and give it all they can," Hastings

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has become a hotbed of insurgent activity in the past several months. A suicide bomber infiltrated a U.S. base near the city last week, detonating his explosives in a dining tent and killing 22 people, including 18 Ameri cans. The radical Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

Wednesday's clashes began



An Iraqi boy looks out Thursday from the rubble of the building destroyed the day before in Mosul. U.S. troops and warplanes killed at least 25 insurgents as they attacked an American outpost in northern Iraq with a car bomb and explosives. One American soldier died in the ambush.

when a truck approached the base and American troops opened fire. The truck, laden with 1,000 pounds of explosives, blew

up just outside. Hastings said. Reinforcements came under fire by guerrillas using automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades and moving in squads of between 10 and 12. A heavily armored Stryker vehicle that had left the outpost moments before the truck bomb came across seven roadside bombs that had been laid out for its return. Hastings said. The bombs were detonated safely.

The Americans then called in strikes by F-18 and F-16 fighter iets, which launched three Maverick missiles and conducted several strafing runs against the insurgents. The result was 25 insurgents and one American soldier killed. Twenty Americans were wounded, but 17 returned to duty

Insurgents have shown an increasing sophistication in their attacks. In Baghdad on Wednesday, guerrillas used an anonymous tip to lure Iraqi police and national guards to a house in a staunchly Baathist neighborhood. They then set off a massive explosion in the house, killing 22 civilians and seven officers

The latest clash in Mosul came as U.S. troops launched a new offensive in an area south of the capital dubbed the "triangle of death," in an apparent effort to secure the region ahead of the crucial parliamentary election on Jan 30

Brig. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, assistant commander of the 1st Cavalry Division that controls Baghdad, said Wednesday that U.S. troops were focusing on areas around Mahmoudiya, a town about 25 miles south of the

Army tries to repair marriages

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING The Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - When Sgt. Jose Bermudez returned from Iraq early this year, he came home to a new baby and a troubled marriage.

"We were on the brink of di-vorce." Mandy Bermudez acvorce," Mandy Bermudez ac-knowledged as the couple ate lunch recently with their three children, all under age 3. The Bermudezes were among

300 couples with the Fort Camp bell-based 101st Airborne Divi-sion who have attended "marriage enrichment" seminars put on by the Army in hopes of saving war-ravaged relationships.
With studies showing divorce

rates as high as about 20 percent over two years among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of mar riage programs, including vouchers for romantic getaways to places like the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

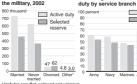
"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen the Army pay for programs like this, said Lt. Col. Chester Egert, chaplain for the 101st.

One program being implemented Armywide teaches couples for-giveness and the skills to communicate. It includes a 40-hour course with lessons on the dan-

Marriages hurt in times of war

With studies showing divorce rates as high as 21 percent among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of marriage programs.

Marital status of the military 2002



* Includes annulled, widowed and unknown

Sources: Military Family Resource Cente

gers of alcohol and tobacco and how to recognize post-traumatic stress. Soldiers who complete it are rewarded with promotion points and a weekend retreat

with their spouse. "If you learn those skills, you can make an impact on the number of divorces, and the number, we think, of reports of physical vi-olence." said Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initia-

tives for the Chief of Chaplains.
To make the program more desirable, commanders are encouraged to give their soldiers time off to attend. Baby-sitting is often provided.

"What we're trying to do is change the culture, that it's OK to work on your marriage and take some time, and invest in your lifelong relationship — especially now when we're asking so much of your military spouses," Bloomstrom said.

Percentage of married active

1995 2002

Jose Bermudez said it seems as if everyone he knows at Fort Campbell is either getting a dior contemplating Many couples want to get things decided because the division has been alerted it could return to Iraq as early as mid-2005.

At Fort Campbell and else where, many couples got married right before one spouse left for Iraq. Others, like the Bermudezes, have been married longer but still have spent little time togeth-

Mandy Rermudez said part of the problem with their marriage was that he had trouble adjusting to the routine she had established for herself while he was in Iraq.

She said the two joined a church, and "it turned our mar-riage around." He and his wife decided to stay together.
"It's worth it to try and work it

out," Jose Bermudez said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1.325 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,041 died as a result of hostile action,

the Defense Department said. The figures include three mili-

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally; it's not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia three: Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,187 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 932 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The latest deaths reported by

the military:

A servicemember died Tuesday in a nonhostile inci-dent in Iraq's Anbar province. The latest identifications re-

ported by the Defense Depart-■ Navy Seaman Pablito Pena Briones Jr., 22, Anaheim, Calif.; died Tuesday of a non-hostile gunshot wound in Fallujah, Iraq; assigned to 1st Marine Di-

vision Detachment, Naval Medical Center San Diego. ■ Army Spc. Jose A. Riv-era-Serrano, 26, Mayaquez, Pu-erto Rico; killed Monday by an explosive in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood,

■ Marine Staff Sgt. Jason A. Lehto. 31. Mount Clemens. Mich.: died Tuesday in a non-hostile incident in Iraq's Anbar province: assigned to Marine Forces Reserves Marine Wing Support Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Mount Clemens, Mich.

Militants warn voters

BAGHDAD - Three Iraqi militant groups issued a joint statement Thursday warning Iraqis not to take part in the upcoming elections and condemning democracy as "un-Islamic."

The statement, posted on the Web site of the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, told Iragis not to be part of "the farce of democracy and elec-

The statement, signed by Ansar

al-Sunnah Army, the Islamic Army in Iraq and the Mujahedeen Army, said that democracy could lead to passing un-Islamic laws, such as permitting homosexual marriage, if the majority agrees to it. On Wednesday, the Ansar

al-Sunnah Army issued a state-ment warning that it will target all those who take part in the elections. The group described polling stations as "centers of atheism."

From The Associated Press

Report: Ex-U.S. employee defects to N. Korea

BY FRANKLIN FISHER Stars and Stripes

PYONGTAEK, South Korea — South Korean authorities are investigating a report that a Korean former employee of the U.S. Army has defected to North Korea.

North Korea's official KCNA news agency said Kim Ki-ho, 59, had worked for the U.S. Army's 6th Ordnance Battalion as a quality assurance specialist at Camp Long, near Wonju, but defected recently to North Korea. The news agency gave no details as to when or how he reportedly defected.

It said Kim "made the bold decision to come over to the northern half of Korea ... unable to put up any longer with the disgraceful South Korean society, disillusioned with it where the nation's dignity, sovereignty and human rights are violated at the hand of the 115."

Army Col. MaryAnn Cummings, chief spokeswoman for U.S. Forces Korea in Seoul, said: "We can confirm that we had an employee working for USFK of the name Mr. Kim Ki-ho, who was employed from Jan-

uary 1984 to August 2003."

However, said Cummings, "We cannot confirm that it's the same individual that has

been reported about, going to North Korea."
Cummings said she was legally barred for privacy reasons from disclosing further details about Kim's U.S. Army employment, including whether he had been involved in a

conflict with his employer, had quit or been

Such privacy restrictions apply to all queries about government employees, not just those about Kim, Cummings said.

She also said she had no immediate word on whether the U.S. military has sent investigators to check Kim's last known South Korea residence to establish his whereabouts, or whether it planned to do so.

Meanwhile, a Wonju police official told Stars and Stripes on Friday that city records listed Kim at an address later found not to have been his actual residence.

A South Korean National Intelligence Service official told Stars and Stripes on Thursday the agency is working to verify the

North Korean claim. The NIS has established that Kim traveled from South Korea to China, the official said, and then may have

crossed from China to North Korea.

The agency now largely is focused on retracing Kim's whereabouts and actions from when he entered China, and what might have motivated a defection, if one occurred,

the official said.

In a separate development involving defections, South Korea's Unification Ministry said Thursday 1,890 North Koreans defected to South Korea in 2004, almost 50 percent more than in 2003, the Associated Press reported.

Hwang Hae-rym contributed to this report.

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Guam police plan to crack down on New Year's crimes

tars and Stripes

Guam's Police Department was to step up sobriety checkpoints on roadways throughout the New Year's weekend, the Pacific Daily News reported this week.

Officers were to conduct roving patrols and the department's Highway Patrol Division was to target routes 1, 4, 8, 10 14 and 16 and other areas through Sunday.

The checkpoints are part of an effort to reduce reckless behavior and injuries on what's typically a rowdy weekend on the island.

Guam police said they'll be out in full force, according to Pacific Daily News, looking not only for drunk drivers, but also for people attempting to illegally discharge firearms at midnight.

In the past, island residents have been hurt by falling bullets after people shot guns into the air while celebrating the new year, Lt. Fred Bordallo, acting spokesman for Guam Police Department, told Pacific Daily News.

Police also are concerned about child injuries from homemade noise-makers or fireworks and warned parents they could be held accountable if caught endangering their children.

"And we're asking that people who throw New Year's parties to make sure their guests don't overindulge themselves," Bor-dallo told Pacific Daily News. "There have been cases where parties went out of control and riots have started, and no one wants to be arrested to start the new year."

The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse was to make its Holiday Hotline available throughout the week-end until 6 a.m. Sunday for island residents who may need a ride home after imbibing. The hotline can be reached by calling 647-8833, -8834, -8835, -8836 or -8837.

DOD budget cut plan

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to retire one of the Nay's 12 aircraft carriers and buy fewer amphibious landing ships for the Marine Corps as part of \$60 billion in proposed budget cuts over the next six years, cone

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told The New York Times on Wednesday.

The proposed cuts would, for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, slow the growth in Pentagon spending, which has risen 41 percent in that period, to about \$420 billion this year.

Under the proposal, the Navy would retire the carrier USS John F. Kennedy next year. The carrier's retirement would, for the first time since the mid-1990s, reduce the size of the carrier fleet.

In addition, development of the Army's \$120 billion Future Combat System, which is designed to link soldiers by computer with remotely piloted aircraft and combat vehicles, would be delayed.

From staff reports

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Walter Scott's Personality

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Why the confusion over who was the most frequent Why the confusion over who was the most anguest — Steve Martin, Rodney Dangerfield or Tony Randall — when Johnny Carson hosted "The Tonight Show," 1962-92? Can't the show's producer count? - Don Davidson, Overland Park, Kan.

A Jeff Sotzing, Johnny's nephew and head of Carson Enter-tainment, tells us: "The exact number will never be known. The tapes from the first decade were erased because no one imagined they'd be so valuable one day." Sotzing's records for 1972-92 put Randall in the lead, with 67

QCritics of the CIA's new head, Porter Goss, say he unfairly blames the spy agency for failures in Iraq that were caused, in fact, by political pressure from the Bush White House. Do you agree with those critics? — Konrad Perlman, Washington, D.C.

ANO. The CIA's wrong data on Saddam's weapons of mass destruction and the post-war Iraqi resistance were failures of intelligence-gathering and analysis that can't be ex-plained by political pressure. The spy agency has long been in need of a thorough shake-up, and Porter Goss deserves a chance to do it.

Ol was sad to hear of the retirement of one of my heroines, Sherry Lansing, who became the first female chairman of a major studio when she joined Paramount in 1992. What are her future plans? — Norma Ryder, Portland, Ore.

A "A year is left on my contract," says Lansing, 60. "Then I

A"A year is left on my contract, says Landing, co. Inc. and health care. It may sound corny, but I want to make the world a better place." Doesn't sound corny to us.

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I heard that Beyonce's kid sister, colonge, general 18. True? — Amelia Harris, Birmingham, Ala.

Nes. Solange gave birth to Daniel Julez J. Smith in Octo-Yes. Solange gave birth to Daniel Julez J. Shinti ... Selber. Her new hubby, Daniel Smith, 20, played football for Texas Southern. Reps for Solange, who released an album in 2003, say it's unclear when she'll resume her career. For now, sounds like papa/manager Mathew Knowles will have to settle for one diva in the family.



Beyoncé's little sister, Solange, performs in 2003, before she became a teen mother.



Jesse Metcalfe and Eva Longoria star on the hit ABC series "Desperate Housewives," which tells a darker tale about the goings-on of the typical suhurhan neighborhood Typical if all the women on the street are drop-dead gorgeous, that is

What's your take on the red-hot ABC series "Desperate What's your take on the learner About the Micollette Sheridan? — Ron Douglas, Petaluma, Calif.

We're not fans of the prime-time soap, which glamorizes infidelity and promiscuity in the suburbs.

QI enjoyed your Andrews Sisters item. Which brings up a question: What's happened to the Lennon Sisters? — L. Gaun, Langhorne, Pa.

A "Peggy and Dianne retired, but Kathy, Janet and another sister. Mimi. perform in Branson. Mo., at the Welk Resort," says brother Bill Lennon. Their dad was killed by a deranged fan in 1969. Their mom remarried in 1998 at age

QHow do you think Julia Roberts' twins will adjust to the names Phinnaeus and Hazel? — Karen Harada, Hilo, Ha-

Ait's hard enough being the children of celebrities without being saddled with oddball names.

QAlfred Lunt and his wife, Lynn Fontanne, were the reigning acting couple from the '20s through the '50s. Is there a couple today that matches their legendary standing? arbara Deichmann, Lake Forest, Calif.

Yes. Paul Newman, 79, and Joanne Woodward, 74.

AThey've acted in 10 films together, from "The Long Hot
Summer" (1958) to "Mr. & Mrs. Bridge" (1990). And next
spring they'll appear in the film "Empire Falls" on HBO. In addition, Newman has directed his wife in four feature



ner Michael Phelps poses in those innocent, pre-2004 Olympics ODID the DUI arswim champ Michael Phelps affect his lucrative endorsement deals? Gina J., Lake For-

est. III. ASo far, sponsors such as Power-Bar, Speedo and Visa - and his fans have been sunportive. Michael, 19, was arrested in November in Maryland on four charges, including driving while impaired. He apologized and was scheduled to appear in court last week. Far from being washed up, the Michigan freshman expects to reach his prime for the 2008 Olympics.

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Accept holiday traditions

In response to several recent letters, I think those serving with me in the Middle East can verify that there are few snow-covered spruce, reindeer or boughs of holly in the areas near where Christianity started. When Chris tianity spread into northern Europe, early Christians couldn't keep the local holiday (a celebration of the winter solstice) from being celebrated as it had been

for years, so they just accepted it and incorporated it into their

own belief system. While one has the right to voice objections to Christmas being celebrated, my personal recommendation would be to treat it the way early Christians did — keep your beliefs and ac-cept the holiday as it's celebrat-ed currently. Merry (belated)

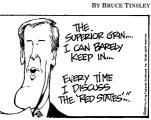
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Mallard Fillmore (Jan. 1)

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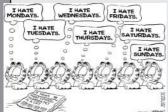






A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons











OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Reservists treated unfairly The Repository, Canton, Ohio

For six Ohio reservists convicted of taking parts from abandoned Army vehicles so they could complete a mission in Iraq, the punishment far exceeds the crime. Soldiers who have been in combat will tell you that desperate times call for desperate measures. If those measures include taking parts from an unused vehicle in order for yours to function, so be in.

The reservists, who were given six months in prison and dishonorable discharges, were in a no-win situation. Had they failed to carry out their mission, they could have been court-martialed for dereliction of duty. U.S. Sens. Mike DeWine of Ohio and

U.S. Sens. Mike DeWine of Ohio and Dick Durbin of Illinois, and no less an expert on combat than Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, commander of the allied forces in Iraq, are asking the Army to reconsider. The military is right to expect troops to follow proper procedure, but the letter of the law can't always be upheld during war.

Taser's poor record shocking Florida Today, Melbourne

The public arms police with stun guns because it wants to give officers a nonlethal edge over out-of-control suspects. Not every suspect shot with 50,000 volts from a Taser, however, has been out of control. Some have been in custody when repeated shocks ended in their deaths.

Amnesty International has documented 74 Taser-related deaths nationwide since 2001 and asked police to stop using the guns until testing proves them safe. Taser International of Scottsdale, Ariz, blames other factors and backs medical examiners except when they contradict the company's position.

Meanwhile, more than 5,000 police departments own Tasers. In November, the Transportation Security Administration said they could be used aboard commercial airliners.

When they work, Tasers save lives. ... The technology, however, is too new to know for sure what effect it has on the heart, particularly when drugs are involved. Studies should continue, and departments should review Taser guidelines.

Tasers are supposed to be better than guns. But if they kill when police believe them to be harmless, they are worse than guns.

Lack of warning cost lives Los Angeles Times

Though it happened on the other side of the world, news of a killer tsunami striking two continents should be seen by Californians as a fundamentally local story. Our home, planet Earth, is seriously flawed....

The tsumami ... underscores how global disparities can exacerbate even natural disasters. Turns out that many of the people living in its path were have-nots in more ways than one, as they lacked the advance notice that scientists as far away as Alaska and Hawaii had received about what was

about to hit them.

There isn't likely to be a 12/26 commission, nor should we pretend that such calamities can be avoided, but questions must be asked about the lack of preparedness. Indonesia was too close to the epicenter to benefit much from an early warning, but a few hours' notice could have saved many lives in India and Sri Lanka. ...

Expect plenty of debate over whether the tsunami should prompt the building of a comprehensive global-warning system. A more sensible approach may be to simply expand the Pacific monitoring system and



"MY COVER'S BLOWN! THEY'RE CLOSING IN!... NO, NOT AL-QAIDA, IT'S THOSE GUYS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!"

build up emergency mobilization programs in South Asian nations that could be used to respond to a wide variety of calamities.

Right tack can curb drug use The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

More teenagers are turning their backs on cigarettes and illicit drugs, according to a federal study that looked at 8th., 10th. and 12th-graders, and the decline in use is certainly encouraging. ...
But despite these positive trends there's

to uespite linese positive trents, there's troubling data in the study that was done by the University of Michigan for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The use of inhalants, such as glues and aerosols, increased in all three groups after years of decline. The survey showed a slight increase in underage drinking among older teens, and the drug Oxycontin was one of the only illegal substances that showed an increase in use.

While the high cost of cigarettes and stricter marketing controls get some of the credit, anti-smoking ads have had an impact, too. Nearly three-fourths of the 12th-graders surveyed this year said that they would prefer not to date a smoker — up from only a third in 1977. ...

If young people can be persuaded not to light up because of the risk of cancer, emphysema and heart disease, it's clear that more needs to be done to educate them about the considerable risk involved in using inhalants.

Learn from tsunami disaster The Daytona (Fla.) Beach News-Journal

So many deaths. So much devastation. So

Aid is already pouring into areas affected by the giant waves that smashed into the coastlines of nine countries along the Indian Ocean. Much more will be needed. For every known death, authorities say, there are thousands more who have lost their homes and every possession.

The United States is contributing to early relief efforts, and should do more. Donations also are pouring in through the American Red Cross' International Response Fund.

But even as the immediate needs are met, the world's leaders should take stock of the early warning system for natural disasters around the globe.

The only international warning system currently operates in the Pacific Ocean.

That system detected the underground quake that riggered the Isunamis, but francic attempts to warn affected countries failed because there was no formal system of notification. Officials in some areas—such as Thailand—knew of the underwater earthquakes but didn't know about the giant waves they spawned.

Over the coming weeks and months, hundreds of billions of dollars in aid will flow to countries devastated by the tsunamis. But even as they plan to assist with disaster relief, nations should consider investing in a system that could help to prevent such tragedy in the future.

Bipartisanship: A capital idea The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.

"I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it," President Bush said in his postelection news conference....

The question is, how will Bush spend that capital, and how far it will go? ...
So it was surprising to see the White

So it was surprising to see the White House last [month] poke a stick in the eye of congressional Democrats. Bush announced he would resubmit the names of 20 judicial candidates whom the Democrats had blocked during his first term. That's Bush's prerogative, of course. But

That is basis pierogately in Comes: But is this the wisset use of political capital? Consider the response of Sen. Charles Schumer, the New York Democrat who will be front and center during confirmation hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee: "In this opening shot, the White House is making it clear that they are not interested in bipartisanship when it comes to nominating judges."

Merely sending these judicial nominees back for another review may have cost Bush some of his political capital. Drawn-out fights to push one or more of them through to confirmation could quickly drain his account.

Know each area's EMT needs Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald

The situation is this, the Herald and The Associated Press have reported: A national committee is revisiting the rules for licensing emergency medical technicians. The committee has useful ideas for beefing up and standardizing EMT training, adding such skills as injecting epinephrine to people suffering severe allergic reactions.

The trouble is that the new curriculum

could more than double the time EMTs must train to get certified, the story report-

Currently, EMTs need 110 hours of training to get their initial certification.

And volunteers already are hard to come

And volunteers already are hard to come by, ambulance personnel in rural North Dakota and elsewhere reported. If the requirement jumps to 200-plus hours, the task will be extremely difficult or even impossible, they predicted.

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The proposed rule sounds great for professional firefighters and others who get paid for their work and some of the training they undertake. But it shouldn't apply to rural areas if it will make things worse rather than better.

It's no secret: Sources help Herald-Journal, Spartanburg, S.C.

Across the nation, reporters are being questioned about confidential sources and

even being threatened with jail. ...
Two reporters have been convicted of contempt of court for refusing to reveal

their sources about an investigation into how the White House compromised the identity of a CIA operative. In several places around the nation, federal authorities are subpoenaing reporters

and threatening them with incarceration unless they reveal the identities of sources to whom they had promised confidentiality....

What's at stake is the ability of the public

to learn what the government is doing and the ability of the news media to uncover corruption at all levels of government and society. ...

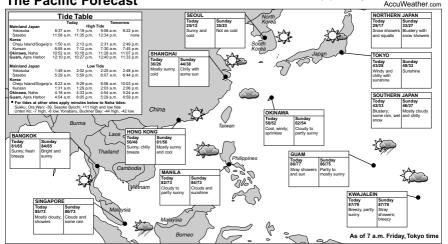
Many, if not most, of the scandals that have been uncovered by the media have been started by unnamed sources. Someone close to the scandal is fed up with what his cronies are doing. He tells a reporter and begs that reporter to keep his identity secret. The reporter complies.

This process is necessary to uncovering

This process is necessary to uncovering the stories that let citizens know what is going on, particularly when government or business officials do things they shouldn't.

The Pacific Forecast

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TOKYO

high 52, low 30.

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 48, low 41. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine.

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 66, low 60. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 70, low 56.

SEOUL

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 39, low 16. Tuesday: Sunny, high 28, low 14.

MANILA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 73. Tuesday: Showers, high 86, low 75.

HAGATNA

Monday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 77. Tuesday: Showers, high 86, low 77.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	56/33	Los Angeles	62/50
Amarillo	72/34	Little Rock	70/56
Anchorage	14/8	Louisville	57/54
Asheville	63/39	Miami	78/67
Baltimore	51/39	Milwaukee	48/42
Birmingham	67/48	Nashville	65/53
Bismarck	35/12	New York	46/40
Boise	44/31	Omaha	66/40
Boston	39/32	Orlando	76/55
Brownsville	81/62	Philadelphia	50/39
Buffalo	43/40	Phoenix	68/52
Burlington	33/25	Pittsburgh	51/45
Charleston, S	C 71/43	Portland, OR	46/38
Charlotte	65/44	Portland, ME	35/21
Cleveland	50/44	Salt Lake City	47/37
Columbus, Oh	51/44	St. Louis	65/54
Duluth	33/21	San Antonio	75/58
El Paso	68/42	San Diego	62/52
Hartford	43/29	San Juan	84/72
Helena	30/6	Tampa	77/58
Indianapolis	55/50	Tulsa	73/50
Jacksonville	71/48	Washington	51/42
Kansas City	69/47	Wichita	69/42



U.S. Extended Forecast

The new year will start off on a wet note Saturday across the West Coast as rain continues to impact coastal Oregon and northern California with some snow over the mountains. Meanwhile, another storm system will bring snow to the northern Plains. Gusty winds accompanying this storm will cause some snow to blow, reducing visibilities. Ahead of this system, rain will develop over the southern Plains and push into the Midwest as the day progresses. A few showers will dampen the Ohio Valley. While the Southeast has mild temper atures with some sunshine, colder air will filter into the Great Lakes in the wake of a cold front. This front will trigger flurries across northern New England.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

Saturday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	37/19	Kadena AB	58/52	Sapporo	29/17	Athens	51/38	Buenos Aires	93/72	Kiev	28/20	New Delhi	71/42
Camp Casey	28/12	Kunsan AB	32/22	Seoul	25/12	Auckland	67/53	Cairo	77/54	Kuwait	80/57	Oslo	39/30
Christchurch	59/42	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	36/26	Baghdad	76/52	Cancun	78/66	London	48/34	Paris	43/36
Diego Garcia	86/78	Manila	82/73	Singapore	85/73	Barbados	87/70	Cape Town	77/58	Madrid	54/43	Rio de Janeiro	79/67
Hagatna	86/77	Misawa AB	30/22	Sydney	88/67	Barcelona	55/45	Geneva	39/35	Mexico City	72/41	Rome	48/39
Hanoi	58/48	Osan	29/13	Taegu	34/18	Berlin	41/32	Istanbul	48/36	Montreal	35/2	St. Petersburg	29/19
Hong Kong	56/48	Perth	89/65	Taipei	53/44	Bermuda	68/59	Jerusalem	66/52	Mogadishu	88/70	Stockholm	36/33
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The Forum Shops at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas are crowded with shoppers Dec. 17. High-end luxury shopping has become a tourist attraction for visits to Las Vegas, especially during the holidays.

Stores bringing more temptation to Sin City

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Just before a luxury shopping mall opened at Caesars Palace in 1992, the mall's marketing director, Maureen Crampton, stood behind the closed doors and thought to her-"I do hope somebody is on the other side.

She need not have worried More than a decade later. The Forum Shops is one of the most successful malls in the country, and high-end shopping has be come one of the biggest pastimes

in America's gambling capital. Gucci, Prada and Dior are now neighbors along a gilded stretch of the Bellagio hotel-casino. Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom anchor the expan sive Fashion Show mall farther down the Las Vegas Strip, And boutiques like Burberry, Mikimoto and Jimmy Choo are inside the Venetian hotel-casino.

"Shopping has become an incredible part of the allure of Las " said Hal Rothman, Las Vegas. Vegas historian and author.

About 36 million tourists visit the city each year. A recent sur-vey by MRC Group Research Institute found that nearly as many visitors said they shopped (63 percent) as gambled (69 percent) during their stay. Tourists spent an estimated \$2.9 billion shopping last year.

Casino executives discovered that allowing customers to wander away from the gambling floor might be good for business — as long as they kept spending their money on the property.

Guests can now pamper them selves with a \$165 facial, dine on a \$60 Kobe beef burger and buy a \$1,570 Christian Dior handbag without ever going across the

'Shopping is one chance for the casinos to recapture some of the money they paid out to the winners," said Keith Schwer, direc-tor of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "If you have millions of people visiting, walking by, all you have to do is capture a small percentage of them to be profitable.'

The Forum Shops, where a three-story spiral escalator whisks customers high above the Italian marble flooring, produced average annual sales of \$1,471 per square foot in October. That is well above the industry's national average of \$345 in 2003.

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Previewing military move should cut down on costs

INCONUS

"The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband Jake's new comman

Editor's note: This is the final installment from "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse

t our December Family Readiness Group meet-ing Laurie from the Perasonal Property Office tary move. After running through our agenda, Laurie came to the front and began: "The purpose of this hour-long presentation is to help you understand the basic finances of a military move. Don't expect to be an expert on the mili-tary move when I'm done. It es time and effort to do it right

"Once you have your paper-work, work with your PPSO representative to figure out what your moving allowances will be Then, work backward to figure out how much the moving experience is going to cost you

"Remember, the goal is to make the move cost as close to nothing for you as possible. Plan-ning is the only way to make sure "There are six basic sources of

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for ance Transportation, MALT. MALT is a reimbursement for driving your car to your next duty station. Be sure to use the Official Military Table of Dis-tances when calculating it.

"Your spouse is allowed a flat \$50 Per Diem Allowance based on driving 350 miles per day. You and your children also receive a per diem that is a percentage of vour spouse's rate

"If you don't take house-hunting leave, you are eligible for Temporary Lodging Expense, or TLE, within 10 days of arriving at your new duty station.

"Finally, there are two advances your sailor can get from the Navy in order to help you make ends meet during your move: Advance Base Pay and Housing Al-lowance. A sailor also needs to have justification for these ad-vances signed and approved by their chain of command in order to receive it. Remember, these are not a given. Also, both have to be paid back through deductions in your spouse's pay over the next

"I recommend you request ad-vance funds only if it is absolutely necessary. I've seen too many mili-

San Diego to Jacksonville moving costs

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Round trip plane fare for 2	-1,400	
Lodging for 2	-350	\$50/night
Food	-280	\$20 x 2 people x 7 days
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Cleaning/Repair	-100	
Deposit Return	+2,100	1.5 mo SD BAH
7 Davs driving to Jacksonville		All 3 family
Gas	-164	\$1.75/gal, 25 mpg
Lodging for 3	-350	\$50/night
Food	-420	***************************************
Misc	-300	
Rentina new place Jacksonville		
Deposit	-1.350	1.5 mo Jax BAH
Move-in costs	-500	IIIO JAX DAIT
Total Moving Expenses	-3,414	
Net Moving Expense	-963	Out of nocket cost

Source- Ralph Nelson

Amount Notes

tary families spend this lump sum of money on things they didn't real-ly need and then suffer the consequences of smaller pay checks and mounting debt. If you do receive an advance, please think twice about what you're spending it on. You're actually borrowing money from yourself, so be careful.

"In the example I just gave you. I've assumed that the sailor's spouse and child fly across country to find a place to rent, then the family of three drives from San Diego to Jacksonville, Fla., over a week. Finally, they move into the home the spouse found while house-hunting when they arrive in Jacksonville."

'Hey, the family in this example is spending almost a grand of their own money on their move," some-one noted. "I thought you said the goal was to try to break even."

"I gave you a bleak example on purpose so we could look for ways to break even. Let's talk about ways to reduce this bill.

Even though everyone in the room was quiet, I could tell many were trying to think of a solution My mind was blank Jake and I are doing OK, but \$1,000 was a lot of money to pay for a job-required move!

"How about not taking the house-hunting trip?" Sa asked. "That'd save \$2,330." Sammy

"Possibly," Laurie replied. "In this example, the sailor is sending his spouse and child back East. He could take the leave instead

and leave his family in San Diego, fly MAC, stay in the BEQ, and eat in the galley and only spend about \$500, saving \$1,830. Either way, you need to find ways to save \$963 in this example.

"Again, I think it's important to take the house-hunting trip. Moving is hard enough, but it's a real nain if you don't have somewhere

The memory of the hassle of not having a place when I arrived in San Diego was still fresh

Laurie continued, "Somebody ive me one more way to make your move less expensive

"How about selling your old ap-pliances," Sammy replied. "Excellent," Laurie said. "A ga-

rage sale, eBay or even placing classified ads in the local newspaper for the bigger items you don't want to move are excellent ideas.
"The list of ways to make your

move a less expensive one is end-less. Walk through your entire move — before you move — to find the most value."

Your Money

If maxed out, try new job

Q: With my low-paying job and some debt I am try-ing to pay off, I find my finances stretched. I look for ways to lower my expenses so I can save, but nothing seems to work. How is it possible to get ahead when you have auto repairs, rising fuel bills, family emergencies and other unexpected life events?

A: You may need to make more money. You should take a close look at all your expenses, of

course. Some of what you consider ' 'fixed" costs may actually be quite flexible. You might be able to, say, find cheaper housing or take in a roommate to reduce shelter expenses.

Also, get out of the mind-set that irregular expenses, such as car-repair bills, are unex-pected. Cars conk out, people lose jobs, prices rise, medical events happen; plan for such contingencies

The most effective way to get ahe your expenses may be to take a second job or a better job. Boosting your income involves effort and risk, but the bigger risk is remain-ing in an ever-deepening hole. Good luck.

Q: If a child has three years of college left, is it wise to set up a 529 savings plan? Don't the rules require that the money be invested for five years before taking it out?

A: Generally you can withdraw money from a 529 plan any time, and the money escapes taxation if it's

used for qualified education expenses. There are exceptions, says 529 guru Joseph Hurley. He cites an option in North Carolina's program that has a five-year holding period. A few states also have

brief holding periods if you want to take a state deduction for your 529 contribution. You might be referring to the five-year "spreading election" for gift tax purposes, said Hurley, a certified public accountant who wrote "The Best Way to Save for College: A Complete Guide to 529 Plans, 2005. Usually people can give as much as \$11,000 a year to a recipient before federal gift tax returns must be filed. But the spreading election allows someone to give as much as \$55,000 in a lump sum to a 529 plan. Any other gifts in the subsequent five years would trigger gift tax consequences.

The only requirement under the spre Money Talk ing election is that the giver live at least five years after the gift.

The bigger issue with opening a 529 account while a child is in college, or even in high school, is that it might not be worth the trouble. The key advantage to the accounts is that, when opened many years before the money is needed, there's lots of time for the assets to grow tax-deferred.

If Junior drops out and you want to withdraw money from your 529 plan, you'd face a 10 percent federal penalty. If the account was opened relatively recently, that might be a high cost.

If the goal is to get assets out of the estate of a parent or grandparent by using the spreading election, then such a contribution can make sense even if the child already is in college. Otherwise, all concerned might be better off if the parents or grandparents simply pay the college bills.

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Saleseperson Cynthia Cristaldi walks through the gown room at the Gianni Versace store at the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas Dec. 17. High-end shopping in Vegas has become a tourist draw.

Vegas: Stores lure big spenders

VEGAS, FROM PAGE 22

The mall was recently expanded to 685,000 square feet and includes such elegant stores as Harry Winston, Pucci and Celine.

The luxury Wynn Las Vegas resort opening next year will have the Strip's first car dealership, where only Maseratis and Ferraris will be sold, as well as shops by Louis Vuitton, Manolo Blahnik, Cartier, Jean Paul Gaultier and Oscar de la Renta

One reason for the appeal of

Las Vegas' luxury stores is that they welcome casually dressed shoppers who would get the bum's rush if they showed up looking that way on Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive.

Leaving Tiffany & Co. at Via Bellagio with gifts in hand, Kyle Sprague said he probably would not have been welcome at the jeweler's Beverly Hills store wearing a sweat shirt, baggy jeans and sneakers

"They would have stopped us at the door," he said.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

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Federal funds market rate	2.2
3-month bill	2.2
30-year bond	4.9
Sources: The Associated Press, B	ank o

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Charity cautions

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - At this time of year, more than any other, you'll be asked to make donations to charitable organizations. These requests might come by mail, or in the form of a telephone call or a solicitor showing up at your doorstep.

While many of these organizations are legitimate, there are also numerous scam artists who try to divert the efforts of your good intentions into their own pockets. Here are some tips for making wise donations: ■ Be wary of appeals that tug

- at your heartstrings, advises the Federal Trade Commission. Scams are particularly likely to spring up in the wake of natural disasters or other emergencies that may affect you or make you emotional
- Check out the solicitation thoroughly with your Better Business Bureau or the local chapter of the charity
- Don't be fooled by charity names that are similar to those of well-recognized organizations. Call or write the charity independently to find out if it's

aware of the solicitation and has authorized the use of its name. ■ Get more information, rec-

- ommends the Council of Better Business Bureaus. Even newly formed charitable organizations should have literature available on their programs, including how much of your donation will go directly to the cause and how much will be used for adminis-
- trative purposes.

 Don't be pressured to decide right away. Real charities will be just as excited to receive your donation next week as they are today. Deadlines to donate are often a sign of a scam.
- Avoid giving cash donations, which aren't traceable and can easily be lost or stolen.
- Re sure to get a receipt show. ing the amount of your contribution for tax purposes. Also keep any associated paperwork, such as the canceled check, or your bank or credit-card statement.
- To check out charities, visit the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org. You can inquire about a charity's reputation, and report soliciting by fake organizations

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Airborne birth

AK KETCHIKAN — The term "airborne" took on a new meaning when a woman gave birth high above Southeast Alaska on a floatnlane that was evacuating her after her labor began earlier then expected

The baby girl was delivered safely to Jenifer Chinuhuk aboard a Pacific Airways floatplane. Isabelle Chinuhuk weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 191/4 inches long.

Jenifer and husband Jamie Chinuhuk had not expected the birth of Isabelle until mid-January, but when Jenifer's labor began on Sunday, a medical evacuation was arranged and she was brought to the Metlakatla dock by ambulance

Two doctors were on the flight but Jamie Chinuhuk had to stay behind because there was not enough room on the plane.

Dentist pleads guilty

FL BOCA RATON — A dentist pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the death of his 3-year-old son, accidentally left in a parked vehicle in July

Dennis Sierra, 43, entered the plea to avoid the anguish of a trial, his attorney said.

The judge sentenced Sierra to 10 years of probation and 500 hours of community service.

Sierra took his son Andres to work with him July 15 at his practice west of Boca Raton. He parked and went inside, forgetting that his son was in a car seat in the back, according to sheriff's officials.

Youthful diets

NH ROCHESTER — Now that the junk food is gone, officials will be monitoring middle school pupils' middles to see if they shed any extra pounds.

The Health and Nutrition Task Force formed last March to tackle obesity in schools will determine whether healthier snacks make a difference in reducing obesity, said its founder, Walter Hoerman, a pediatrician.

A student's aerobic capacity, body composition and muscle strength, endurance and flexibility will be measured in fitness grams. Activities such as running times, pull-ups, shoulder stretch curl-ups are all part of the tests.

Students are compared not to each other, but to health fitness standards, established for each age and gender, according to the Cooper Institute, which developed the fitness gram

Air passengers take bus

IA DES MOINES — Welcome and thank you for using Des Moines International Airport! Please have your boarding pass and ID ready as you approach the ... bus? A combination of two canceled flights and holiday travel snags forced United Airlines to bus passengers about 330 miles to Chicago to catch connecting flights.

Passengers said they were told the next United flight from Des Moines to Chicago with any extra room would be Thursday or Friday, so United chartered two buses



Monday and another Tuesday to

send passengers on their way. A United spokesman attributed the travel problems to snowstorms that socked the Northeast over the weekend and left the airline short-staffed across the country.

School district grows

MERIDIAN — Idaho's fast-est-growing school district intends to ask taxpayers for \$80 million in bonding next year to cover growth in western Ada County. The district had planned for 400 new students to arrive in September, but 1,400 showed up.

Another 175 arrived between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds would be used to build a new high school, a new middle school and up to four elementary schools

Smuggling 'Santa'

OH CLEVELAND — The packages were labeled as tovs for good girls and boys and the business was called Santa's Helpers. But authorities say the packages were nothing more than a naugh ty ruse to cover a large-scale drug smuggling operation.

The bogus business tried to smuggle \$7.8 million worth of cocaine from Los Angeles to nearby

Willoughby, authorities said. Drug agents seized about 175



Colorful sky

A clear, winter sky is draped by jet trails and the glow of the sun as it falls behind an S&S Feed Mills in Shawnee, Okla.

pounds of cocaine in the largest seizure in Cleveland this year. Four 55-gallon steel drums used as shipping containers raised susnicions. Billing information said the barrels contained toys, novelties and games. Federal prosecutors charged Edward Boynton, 35, of Inglewood, Calif., with in-tent to possess cocaine. Boyn-

ton appeared in U.S. District Senator back in prison

NEW YORK — Former state Sen. Guy Velella returned to Riker's Island prison. A state judge refused to issue an interim stay that would keep Velella free while the state's highest court decides whether to hear his apneal The former Brony lawmaker stepped down earlier this year, a week before he pleaded guilty to a charge in connection with an influence-peddling scheme.

Rating child care centers

PHOENIX - A state board is developing a rating sys-tem for licensed child care centers to help parents determine the quality of the 2,000 centers in the state. The Arizona School Readiness Board would use criteria like teacheducation level, stuers dent-to-teacher ratios and curriculum. The governor has said a rating system should include financial incentives for centers.

Fighting invasive plants

HARPERS FERRY - Officials at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park are trying to rid the park of some unwanted guests: invasive plants that could crowd out native growth.

One of these invasive plants, known as Tree-of-Heaven, robs moisture from the soil and its canopy blocks out sun to other plants, according to park Superintendent Donald Campbell.

Campbell and other park emplovees are concerned about how the tree is affecting native trees such as dogwoods, oaks and ma-

The park, which is located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, stretches across parts of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland.

So far, no native species have been lost, even though many of the invasive species have been there since the land became part of the National Park System in 1944, according to Campbell. He believes the native species can be saved if park officials act immediately to save them

Must disclose names

COLUMBUS - A pro-business group that spent \$4 million on a TV campaign to unseat a justice must disclose donors' names, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled. The court dismissed the group's appeal, saving it did not involve any substantial constitutional question. The Ohio Elections Commission ordered the group in 2002 to list donors. It said the ads against Justice Alice Robie Resnick went beyond what "issue advocacy" groups are allowed to



Melissa Packard walks with her daughter, Unusual pet Charlotte, 5, as Goldie, an orphaned buck. gives chase in Hill Country Village, a surburb of San Antonio. Packard said the buck was left by its mom, who did not return for several days. The family took in the deer, feeding and caring for it.



Greg and Annie Moore of Kearney, Playing in the park Neb., play some basketball at Pioneer Park. The couple brought their children and the dog to the park on a sunny afternoon.



Practice makes perfect

From left, Becky Christian, 11, and Sarah Rordan 12, practice figure skating on the frozen lagoon in Sacajawea Park in Livingston, Mont.



Watch your head Market Studios North co-owner Daniel Brown peers out of the studio's second-floor window to take a look at the numerous icicles that have formed along the building in Troy, Ohio.



Fruitless effort Nadine Correa, 8, top, stands on top of Amanda Benavides's shoulders and reaches with a borrowed fishing pole in an effort to retrieve a kite stuck on the top of a light pole in Corpus, Christi, Texas.



A squirrel attempts to shake its head loose from the top of an ice cream treat in Sweet trap Daytona Beach, Fla.

Shrimping extension

GA BRUNSWICK — Georgia's shrimping season has been extended indefinitely because of an abundant shrimp population. The season was to end at 5 a.m. New Year's Day before the state Department of Natural Resources extended it. Affected are commercial trawlers in Georgia territorial waters up to 3 miles offshore and recreational shrimpers using cast nets and beach seines.

Feather fight

SALT LAKE CITY — A battle is brewing over the rights of whites who practice American Indian religion to use federally restricted eagle feathers in ceremonies.

Two federal statutes - the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act - limit the right to have the feathers to members of federally recognized tribes. The feathers are the most powerful objects in the culture's ceremonies, and tribal members must earn the right to handle them.

Many tribal members, backed up by the federal government, say feathers and other eagle parts should be reserved for American Indians as a way of preserving the culture.

The federal laws make an exception for enrolled tribal members who practice an American Indian religion, allowing such members to get a permit to possess eagle feathers and parts

She wants it all now

BOSTON - A 94-year-old woman who won a \$5.6 million dollar Megabucks lottery drawing in September wants to get the cash now instead of a 20-year annuity payout.

Louise Outing of Everett said she won't live to collect her full winnings, and she wants to be able to help her family and spend the money as she chooses.

On Tuesday, she asked Norfolk Superior Court Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara to order the state lottery commission to give her the full amount of her winnings, minus tayes

But the lottery commission said Megabucks winners have never been paid lump-sum amounts. Executive Director Joseph Sullivan said only the multistate Mega Millions game offers a lump-sum option.

Careful what you drink

CA SALINAS — About 30,000 customers of California Water Service Co. were urged to boil tan water before drinking or cooking after power outages caused the water system's pressure to drop. The company said it won't know whether water quality was affected until tests are completed Wednesday. Customers will be reimbursed for bottled water nurchases.

Driving doggie

SPRINGDALE - Michael Henson left the auto parts store with more problems than when he arrived. For that, he can thank his dog.

Henson, whose truck had been

experiencing a sticking throttle, left his dog in the truck when he went into the O'Reilly Auto Parts store in Springdale on Sunday.

"He'd left the truck running - I guess to show the people at O'Reilly's — and the dog jumped over and knocked the truck into gear,' police Sgt. Billy Turnbough said.

The truck raced into the building, stunning Henson and clerk

Josh Hopper No one was hurt and no citations

were issued, police said. High foreclosures rate

PA SUNBURY — Mortgage foreclosures in Northumberland County are approaching an all-time high, according to the Sheriff's Department Maria Birster, the real estate officer, reports 191 sheriff's sales so far this vear. She says that's up from 159 in 2003 and more than the 187 mortgage foreclosures recorded in

Birster says all the foreclosures have been on homes.

Hand fishing test

MO COLUMBIA — Next summer, it will be legal to plunge into some Missouri rivers and grab catfish by hand — a type of fishing that is not for the faint of heart

Known variously as noodling or hogging, handfishing has long been a misdemeanor punishable by fines, because state officials fear it depletes breeding-age cat-. It can also be dangerous: Noodlers hold their breath for long neriods under water and sometimes come up with fistfuls of agitated snakes or snapping turtles instead of fish

That does not discourage enthusiasts, who insist there is great sportsmanship in fishing with your hare hands.

So after years of urging by noodlers, and lopsided legislative support for easing up on handfishers, the Missouri Conservation Commission has approved an ex-perimental handfishing season next summer. Forms of handfishing are already legal in 11 states, including neighboring Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois

Florida Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE - Marion Hammer, a former president of the National Rifle Association, was named to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame by Gov. Jeb Bush. Also named were Shirley Coletti, considered a leader in the development of communi-ty-based treatment of mental health, and Judith Kersey, who has spent 36 years as a scientist and advocate for women in science.

Fighting school dropout

SPRINGFIELD - Mayor MA SPRINGFILLS
Charles Ryan appointed an 11-member youth commission to combat a rising high school dropout rate and a surge in violent crime. The panel is charged with improving academic and social opportunities for Springfield children. Springfield's dropout rate in 2003 was 8.5 percent, more than double the statewide rate of 3.3 percent.

Stories and photos from The Associated

Horoscope

Happy New Year! Sagittarian influences have us looking into the future as if it is a land to be conguered, an adventure to be commandeered, an impossibility to be made real. Industrious vibes prevail, so roll up your sleeves and get started before criticism and self-doubt have a chance to settle in. This isn't the time to ask how. Just figure it

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 1). You are the New Year's baby who brings optimism and a fresh start to all who dearly need it! You'll reap the rewards of your own generosity by late February. A pet project is embraced by the one who can take it to the next level Personal satisfaction is so full, you'll want to share with more people. Libra and Pisces are wonderful partners.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Last night's misunderstanding could leave you with a tension hangover. You must quickly clear last year's

bad-vibe pollution. Forgive others, forgive yourself, and guickly move forward

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are many interpretations for the information you're getting now don't automatically assume the worst. You're good enough just as you are, no matter what your third-grade teacher said. Be kind to that scared kid inside

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Emotions can create mental cacoph ony that gets in the way of communi-

cation, causing you to misinterpret what you hear. If you need an impartial translator, turn to a Taurus or Libra friend CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There is plenty of excitement surrounding you, but for once, you feel arounded and secure. Steadfast Saturn supports you in your efforts to achieve something momentous this year. Review your goals, and

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Cele brate the new year with your family If geographical boundaries keep you

apart, pick up the phone and call Yes, they may drive you crazy, but they know you better than anyone and will always support you with their love

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

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Instead of being your own worst critic, why not reverse that energy in the new year and become your own biggest fan? There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you stay positive and hopeful

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be aware

of all that is beautiful and iovous in the world, and refuse to succumb to negativity. If your old

methods of dealing with others are not working, find an open window through which love can enter your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With each new year, you shed your old skin and rise up, polished and new. Change is second nature to you. Be aware, however, that some unfinished business has yet to be

resolved before you can progress SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In your case, "old acquain tance" is certainly not forgot - in fact, you'll probably be lunching with him or her today. Share your resolutions, and enlist help in keeping them. Your friend will steer you from

potential pitfalls. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe your action looks fool-

ish to those who like to play it safe, but if you don't test the boundaries of what you're really capable of, vou'll never know! The results will surprise you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're already in a committed relationship, this is a prime time to focus on your future together. Discuss goals, and review finances. If you're not committed, you could meet a kindred spirit while running a

mundane errand. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Face it - your candle is burnt at both ends! Start the new year by getting plenty of rest. Keep your schedule fairly open and flexible. An

unexpected opportunity comes in the form of a Gemini

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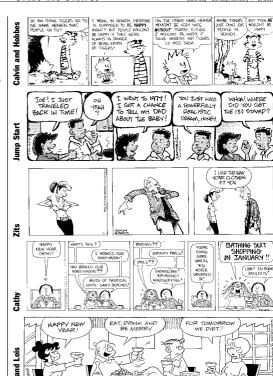


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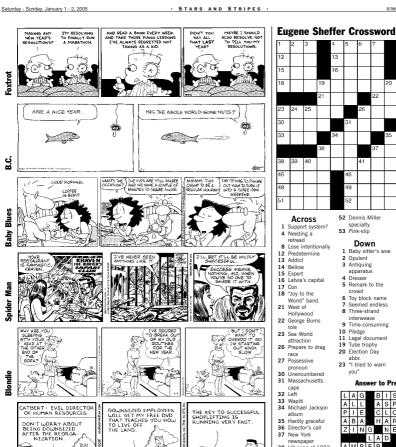






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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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NEW YEAR

Starting the New Year positively

Dear Abby: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the column you printed last New Year's Day. My mother is always cutting out articles for me. The majority end up in the trash. But that one is taped to my bathroom wall. I read it every day on my

way out. If I'm having a bad day, I think about it. Please print it again for

me and others. Mine is a little tattered

— Heather in Florida Dear Heather: With pleasure. Dear Readers: Rise

and shine, and welcome to 2005! This is our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's oft-requested list of New Year's resolutions - adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon

JUST FOR TODAY I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had

to keen it up for a lifetime

JUST FOR TODAY. I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine

JUST FOR TODAY. I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will

correct those things I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

I will not be a mental loafer. JUST FOR TODAY, I will

agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain

myself. JUST FOR TODAY, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthily - if only just for

from improving anybody but

And not only that, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk. even if it's only around the

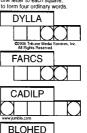
JUST FOR TODAY, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles. one letter to each square



THE ONLY TIME OF YEAR THE CROWD WANTED THE STAR SHORTSTOP TO DO THIS Now arrange the circled letters to

Answer:

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: REARM MERGE MULISH CAMPUS The forecaster described the heat wave as -A SUMMER SIMMER

A holiday poem to lighten the mood

Dear Readers: Happy New Year! A faithful reader sent us will amuse you. We don't know the author, but we

Christmas, and al through the house Noth ing would fit me, not even

The cookies I'd nibbled,

the eggnog I'd taste At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

arose such a number

I'd remember the marvelous

The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese

thank you, please. As I dressed myself in my hus

And prepared once again to do battle with dirt, I said to myself,

this poem, and we hope it

enjoyed the sentiment: The Week After Christmas 'Twas the week after ali

a blouse.

When I got on the scales, there

When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

meals I'd prepared;

And the way I'd never said, "No band's old shirt

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"You can't spend a winter disguised as a

man! away with the last of the sour cream

dip. Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip,

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished nea Til all the additional

ounces have vanished. I won't have a cookie - not

even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long

celery stick

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,

I'll munch on a carrot and quiet-I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and

life is a bore But isn't that what January is

Unable to giggle, no longer a

Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!

Dear Annie: I am a disabled

woman and the blessed

owner/handler of a Service Dog. Brandy goes everywhere with me, and many people ask questions, I sually don't mind answering, but I have some suggestions for your readers: Be polite.

Please ask me if it's OK before attempting to speak to or pet the dog. If I tell you "no," please accept it graciously. My dog is working. While Brandy is train to ignore you, even a moment's inattention on the dog's part can cause me injury. Please give us the room we need to safely negoti-

ate stairs, elevators, aisles, etc. Do not feed the dog. For many of us, our dogs have given us back some measure of normalcy and independence. Things are hard enough without being stared at, whispered about, pointed at and interrogated

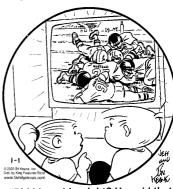
- D.F. and Brandy in New Jersey Dear D.F. and Brandy: Read ers, take note.

ers, take note.

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Family Circus

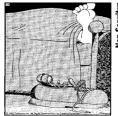


"Did I hear him right? He said that guy coughed up the football!'

WOMEN DEMAND THE TRUTH NO MATTER _HOW



YEAR'S REVOLUTIONS!



The kegger lasted well into the night, and on the following morning Dale thrust his foot into a nest nky, hung over, stimulus-response scorpic



Sunday Horoscope

Holiday Mathis

cially if all the hotheaded energy zinging around lately has caused you to accidentally "make mean. With the Capricom sun urging us to get ahead and other planets in Sagittarius lighting a fire under that

pursuit, it's easy to be hasty or harsh. The Libra moon gives us just the right words to use in our apology.

TODAY'S RIRTHDAY (January 2). When it comes to relationships, you're just plain lucky. It's an incredible year for advancement in your house of marriage and other partnerships if you're willing to fully embrace change. Next month, experiment with new approaches to old problems. Serious soul searching serves you well in February. Love

signs are Cancer and Virgo ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your mind has a conversation with itself. This doesn't mean you are crazy; it means you are sorting things through. You'll be pressured to make a decision but should not until you have absolutely no hesitation about doing so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Everyone is, to some degree, addicted to suffering - even you Be aware of the signal you're sending to someone near that it's OK to vent frustrations on you. When it's no longer OK with you, he or she

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

The stars support you in developing a rich fantasy world. Liberate your imagination. If you don't keep a journal, this is the day to start. Write as though you never intend another

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Procrastination is a self-imposed limitation that undermines your finances, love life and personal goals. You'll feel like giving in to distraction and excuses. Have someone you respect hold you to

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're entrusted with an important decision because others see you as

wise and just. Money tip: Use any extra funds you have to buy, fix or manufacture something you can

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The sensual elements of life pop out at you in vivid detail - a sign of

your improving health. Since you're the resident bon vivant, teach loved ones how to either prepare or appreciate a fine

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The stars offer you a sense of oneness - the only caveat being you must drop your need to be a "special" case. Seeing the similarities instead of differences between peo-

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

nle is healing.

You're recognizing new emotions. Your feelings for a certain earth sign (Taurus, Virgo or Capricom) are somewhere between tender affection and romantic attraction. Beware of a sharp-tongued

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). From the outside, life looks much as it did yesterday, but inter nally, you're different. Brilliant thoughts are likely to pop into your mind during an everyday activity such as taking a shower or brushing your teeth

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Education is highlighted - not the days you were in school, though. While someone else was engaged in formal learning, you were taking lessons at the school of hard knocks. Both ways are valid. Give yourself credit

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let nothing stop you from exploring now. You may find that despite

your brio and wit you are unable to sway loved ones to join you. Some journeys are better savored alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You'll engage in your own version of building sand castles. Endeavors that are beautiful because of their temporal nature pique your intellect However, this does not include vapid conversations that go no-

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Pronunciation of 'poinsettia'

My wife and I call those beautiful red and white flowers that so wonderfully symbolize Christ-"poinsett-as." Our know-it-all college freshman daughter, however, insists that our pronunciation is wrong, and that we should be saying "poinsett-ea." Well, I don't know anyone who says "poinsett-ea" and I feel funny saying it. Can you help?

Yes, there are commentators who, like your daughter, decry the "-ta" pronunciation of "poinsettia" and consider acceptable only the "-tea" pronunciation, which, of course, more accurately reflects the word's spelling. But you're right: the "-ta" pronunciation is at least as common as the prescribed pronunciation, and in fact appears to be the choice of most current speakers.

We also have abundant backing for a pronunciation in which a "t is added to the first syllable, making it sound like "point." According to our evidence, all

of these variations are estab-lished, and you shouldn't feel at all funny saying "poinsetta" — most other people are saying it

Springfield, Mass. 01102

Vandalism of van turns into war of words with neighbors

Dear Abby: I may have started a war with my neighbors.

About two months ago, their son, "Ricky," smashed a brick on my van while it was parked in my driveway. The damage was estimated at more than \$500. I asked Ricky's Dear Abby

parents to pay for it because I had paid them \$100 a few months before, after I accidentally ran over Ricky's bike in the driveway. They didn't have to ask for the money - I volunteered

When I told my neighbors about the damage, they refused to pay, saying my daughter had gotten their boy upset

over a ball game they were playing. They said I should take them to court - so that's exactly what I'm doing.

After they were served with the court papers, they called my boss and complained that I had cut them off while driving my company vehicle, a school bus. It was an outright lie. Things are starting to get out of hand. Am I wrong for wanting my van fixed?

- Frustrated in Canada Dear Frustrated: Of course not. If you haven't already done so speak to your boss immediately and explain exactly what is going on. Then inform the police

about the boy's act of vandalism to your van. You didn't start a war. Your neighbors did when they refused to make good on the damage their son caused.

P.S. Now that you know the kid is trouble, keep your daughter away from him.

> Dear Abby: Lam a 14-year-old girl who recently found out that I am the daughter of a sperm donor. I had always thought my father had died and no one would tell me why Now I feel unloved by

whoever is my father. It scares me to think I may have brothers or sisters out there, and that he may not care that I exist

I don't understand why it's legal to just donate when a child may be born. Is there any way I can find out anything about my "real" father - or any advice vou can give me?

- Doesn't Understand in Pennsylvania

Dear Doesn't Understand: The person who donated his sperm so that you could be conceived thought he was doing a noble deed - helping a couple who desperately wanted a child but were unable to do so As far as I know, there is no way to trace

Dear Abby: I am a

30-year-old woman who was recently widowed. Although my new status is painful, I feel that because I am no longer married. I may take back my maiden name. My dilemma stems from the fact that I receive a pension from my husband's company, and others have told me that if I don't consider myself married, that I shouldn't accept his pen-

Are they right? Is this disrespectful to my deceased husband? Am I being selfish? I don't want to upset my in-laws. Hurting and disrespecting anyone is the last thing I want to do.

- Confused in Ohio Dear Confused: As a widow, you are entitled to call yourself either by your married name or your maiden name.

The choice is yours. As a widow, you have a right to receive your husband's pension benefits until they run out. I don't know who gave you the bad advice you repeated to me, but that person is mistaken. To accept the money and go on with your life is neither selfish nor disrespectful.

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Son's wife far too attached to her family to be good spouse

Dear Annie: Three months ago, our son married a 34-year-old girl, "Lena." Lena is

obsessively attached to her family and is not being a wife to our son. She has refused to consummate the marriage, although she wanted a big wedding and professed to love him.

Lena drives to her parents' house every day on her way to work and eats breakfast with them. She stops back for lunch. She usually goes there on the weeken as well and talks to her mother constantly on the phone. She even showers and does her laundry at her parents'

It seems to me that Lena cannot accept the fact that she is married and has new responsibilities. She has cooked only three meals in three months. My son buys all the groceries and has cooked all the other meals. Lena seems desperately en-

meshed with her family, and they are allowing her dependen-cy to continue. She suffers from numerous fears and anxieties. She refuses to be alone in our son's house and is never there to greet him when he comes home from work. Our son is no longer the fun, outgoing person he used to be. He is dreadfully sad. We see little hope for this

marriage, but he continues to believe that somehow Lena will

 Desperate Parents

Dear Parents: We know how hard it is to see your child unhappy. We also assume your son is confiding in you because you know a great many intimate details about his mar-

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riage. Nonetheless, you need to step aside. The best thing you can do for your son is urge him to seek counseling, with or without Lena, and decide if the marriage can be improved, and if not what the hest course of action would

.. Whatever he chooses. please be supportive without judging his situation or his wife.

Dear Annie: As a Catholic, I have been baffled by the handshaking that goes on during Mass. I always have found it unhygienic to shake hands with others and then with those same hands receive communion.

However, since the flu season is upon us, our church has suggested that instead of shaking hands, parishioners wish their neighbors peace verbally. I'm hoping and urging the Catholic Church to adopt this new idea permanently. It's much safer and - Trying To Be a Good Neighhor on the East Coast

Dear East Coast: Hands transmit a tremendous number of germs, although the act of shaking someone's hand provides a sense of community and bonding that a verbal expression cannot match

Parishioners who are con cerned about getting sick this way should take up the matter with their parish priest.

Dear Annie: My fiance and I are planning the guest list for our wedding. We both come from huge families, and the list is already quite large. We are in our 30s, and many of our friends already are married with children

We would like to limit the children to immediate family only. Please suggest a tactful way to notify the other guests that children are not allowed

— A Fretful Fiancee Dear Fiancee: If the children's names are not on the invitation, it means they are not invited. Those who indicate they wish to bring their children anyway should be told, "Sorry, but we are limiting children to the immedi-

Imiting Criticiren to the Immediate family only."

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wood
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4:00 Movie Awards 2004
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2:00 All The Best of MTV 2004: Top 100 Artist Countdown

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12:00 Video Music Awards
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3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

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3:00 Top Choice
Evening
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7:00 Beastie Boys Special/Live at SUMMER
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12:00 Japan Emperor's Cup Soccer
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Morning 7:00 The 81st Hakone Ekiden (mara-

thon relay)(4)
Afternoon
12:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer (42) cer (42) 12:15 Japan College Rugby: Semifi-nals #1-#2 (1) 2:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer (4)

MON, JAN. 3 Morning 7:00 The 81st Hakone Ekiden (mara-

thon relay)(4)

10:00 Classical Music: 2005 New Year
Concert at Vienna Festival Hall or: Lorin Maazel)(1)(r

Afternoon
12:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer (42)
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6:10 Japan College Rugby: Semifinal #1 (42) 7:00 News (1) 7:50 Japan College Rugby: Semifinal #2 (42) 10:00 Overseas Draw 7:00 Classical Music: 2005 New Year Concert at Vienna Festival Hall (conductor: Lorin Maaze)(3)(r) 8:54 Pro Boxing: WBC Superflywieght Championship - Katsushige Ka-washima vs. Jose Navarro/WBA Flyweight Championship - Loren-20, Parra vs. Trash Nakanuma

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Morning 10:00 U.S. Movie (2000): Chicken Run (1:45)(6)

Atternoon 1:25 Stars On Ice in Japan (4) 2:50 Japan Senior High School Soccer: Best 8 (4)

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6:00 News (6)
7:00 News (1)
7:30 What Like About You (3)
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2:30 Italian Movie (1956): Il Ferroviere (2:20)(6)

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Afternoon 12:00 Japan Senior High School Soccer (4) 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

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Evening 7:00 Movie Awards 7:30 VMAJ 2004: Red Carr 7:30 VMAJ 2004; Red Carpet Special 8:00 Video Music Awards Japan 2004 11:00 Making the MTV: Video Music Awards Japan 2004 12:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 2:00 All The Best of MTV 2004; Top 100 Artist Countdown

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Afternoon
12:00 Japan Senior High School Soccer: Semifinals (4)
1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Dance (3)(r) Morning 6:00 All the Best of MTV 2004: Top 100 Artist Countdown 8:00 Cribs 8:30 Making the Video: Asher 9:00 Rock On 2:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer Semifinals (42) 4:30 Between the Lions (3)(r)

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7:00 News (1)

9:00 Hong Kong Movie (2001): Shaoli
Soccer (1:51)(8)

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Matsul/HideO Nomo)(1)

9:30 Screen 10:00 EMA 2004: Uncensored 10:30 EMA 2004: Uncensored 11:00 EMA Fashion 11:30 EMA Super Star

12:00 EMA: Performance Best 10 1:00 EMA: Best 20 2:00 Europe Music Awards 2004

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6:00 U.S. Movie (1989): Ghostbusters 7:50 U.S. Movie (1947): Gentleman's Agreement (2:05)

2:05 U.S. Movie (1959): Ben-Hur (3:35)

5:40 U.S. Movie (1992): A League of Their Own (2:10)

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Evening
8:00 U.S.-New Zealand Movie (2003):
The Lord of the Rings: The Return
of the King (3:25)
4:40 U.S. Movie (1960): The Apartment
(2:10)

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6:50 U.S. Movie (1974): The Towering Inferno (2:50)

Evening 6:15 U.S. Movie (2003): Bulletproof Monk (1:45) 5:30 U.S. Movie (1961): The Hustler

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7:50 U.S. Movie (1986): The Color of Money (2:02)

Afternoon 12:30 Korean Movie (2003): The Clas sic (2:16) Evening 10:10 II S Movie (2002): Barbershon

12:00 U.S. Movie (2002): 50 Greatest TV Animals of All Time (1:30)

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7:30 Oswald #11 7:30 Oswald #11 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): 10,000 Black Men Named George (1:32) 10:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Waking Life (1:45) 11:50 TV Series: Angels in America #1

Afternoon

6:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Full Frontal

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3:00 Canadian-German-British Movie (2001): The Cat's Meow (1:55)

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10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Beyond Bor ders (2:10) 12:10 The Beat File: Sting

8:00 U.S. Movie (1955): To Catch a Thief (1:54)

10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (1:57) 12:00 TV Series: Angels in America #2

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3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Enough (2:00) Evening 12:00 South Park #103 3:45 Pro Boxing: 2004 Best Fight High

2:26 Japan Pro Boxing (6) 3:20 British-French Movie (2000): Man Who Cried (1:37)(12) 3:26 NFL Digest (4)

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10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The New Guy

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9:50 U.S. Movie (1996): The Crucible (2:05) 12:00 TV Series: Friends: The Best #1 12:30 TV Series: Friends: The Best #2 5:40 U.S. Movie (1996): Phenomenon (2:10)

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8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek

9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation - Miami

tigation - Miami Afternoon 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Trapped (1:48) 5:30 U.S. Movie (2003): Charlie's An-gels: Full Throttle (1:50) Evening 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Moonlight Mile (2:00)

10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Underworld 12:05 TV Series: Friends: The Best #3

12:40 TV Series: Friends: The Best #4 5:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

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Afternoon Afternoon 12:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: Skating in U.S.

2:10 Figure Skating III U.S. lights: Skating IP Series High Evening

7:10 Emperor's Cup Soccer Tourna ment: Final - Tokyo Verdy vs. Jubi lo Iwata

11:50 CNN News 12:10 NFL: Best Games (1) - New En gland Patriots vs. Pittsburgi Steelers 3:10 NFL: Best Games (2) - Dallas Cow-boys vs. Seattle Seahawks

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Morning 6:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: NHK Trophy - Pairs 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: NHK Trophy - Ladies' Sin-

12:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: China - Pairs lights: China - Pairs 1:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: China - Ladies' Singles 2:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: France - Men's Singles 3:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: France - Ice Dancing

Evening 11:50 CNN News 2:10 NFL: Best Games (3) - Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings

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Morning 6:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: Russia - Men's Singles 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series High-lights: Russia - Ladies' Singles 8:10 World News 9:15 World News 11:50 CNN News Afternee

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11:50 CNN News 12:10 NFL: Miami Dolphins vs. Balti-more Ravens 3:10 Asian Name

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Morning 9:15 World News 10:10 BS Docume 11:15 CNN News Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News

4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

Economic News

BS Documentary: The Doctor
The Depleted Uranium and Dying
Children 11:15 NFL: New Orleans Saints vs. Carolina Panthers

Carolina Panthers 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

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Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 DRS Nowell

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10:10 BS Documentary: South African
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3:03 U.S. Movie (1964): My Fair Lady (2:57)

Evening 7:10 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra 2005 New Year Concert (conduc-tor: Lorin Maazel) 12:50 Overseas Drama: Hornblower: The Even Chance (1/4)(r)

2:35 Ray Charles Forever (r) SUN, JAN. 2

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10:15 Gardening Life: Australia

Evening 7:00 NHK News 12:50 Overseas Drama: Hornblower: The Examination for Lieutenant (2/4)(r) 2:35 Alicia Keys (r)

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12:50 Overseas Drama: Hornblower: The Duchess & The Devil (3/4)(r)

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Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1992): News Boys (2:05) Evening 7:00 NHK News

10:00 TV Series: The West Wing 3 12:00 Overseas Drama: Hornblower: The Frogs & The Lobster (4/4)(r) WED, JAN. 5

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Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Magdalena Kozena (mezzo soprano)(r)
Afternoon
3:00 U.S. Movie (1991): White Fang
(1:50)

Evening 7:00 NHK News

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10:00 Classical Music: Keisuke Wakao and Boston Symphony Orchestra (r)

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Evening 7:00 NHK News

12:15 U.S. News (1998): The Hi-Lo Country (2:00)

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Evening 6:00 Headline News 7:00 Judging Amy 8:00 Movie: Men in Black II 9:30 The Simpsons 10:00 Headline News 10:30 Scrubs

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Morning 6:00 NFL Football: Indianapolis Colts at Denver Broncos 9:00 Little Bear 9:30 Wheel of Fortune 10:00 Dr. Phil 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

Afternoon 12:00 Headline News 12:30 Judge Judy 1:00 Access Hollywood 1:30 Guiding Light 2:00 General Hospital 2:00 General Hospital 3:00 Larry King Live 4:00 Mucha Lucha 4:30 Mary Kate & Ashley 5:00 Jeopardy! 5:30 Headline News Evening 6:00 ESPNews 6:30 Advisory Block 7:00 60 Minutes 8:00 Without a Trace

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Morning 6:90 Good Morning America 8:00 Play with Me Sesame 8:30 Bear...Big Blue House 9:00 4 Quarters 9:30 NCAA Football: Nokia Sugar Bowl - Auburn vs. Virginia Tech

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1:30 Guiding Light
2:00 General Hospital
3:00 Larry King Live
4:00 All Grown Up
4:30 Teen Kids News
5:00 Jeopardy!
5:30 Headline News

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12:00 NBC News
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12:00 NBC News
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Judge: Bobbitt not to blame for fight

John Wayne Bobbitt has been acquitted of charges that he battered family members after the discovery of a sex toy in his bedroom. In finding Bobbitt innocent of domestic violence, a Las Vegas judge ruled Monday that Bobbitt's 14-year-old stepson

was to blame for the August fight.

Bobbitt gained fame in 1993 when his first wife, Lorena, sexually mutilated him.

Monday's trial focused on a scuffle involving Bobbitt's stepson and the boy's mother, Joanna Ferrell, who is Bobbitt's wife of three years, Bobbitt, 37, had faced four misdemeanor battery counts.

Witnesses testified the teen became enraged after finding the sex toy. He began throwing things around the living room until Bobbitt confronted him.

After the acquittal, Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem Gary Lang reprimanded Bobbitt for fail-

ing to attend court-ordered anger management classes after a 2003 do-mestic violence conviction, and said Bobbitt would suffer serious repercussions if he failed to show up for his remaining 23 weeks of classes

'Battleship Potemkin' gets new airing

A newly reconstructed version of the 1925 Soviet silent classic "Battleship Potemkin," featuring shots cut from the original, will premiere at the Berlin Film Festival in February.

The film now includes the original's Russian graphics and the opening words of revolutionary Leon Trotsky, which were cut in "one of the most spectacular cases of censorship in the 1920s," a festival statement said Wednesday. No complete print of the original film survived, it said

'Battleship Potemkin," directed by Sergei Eisenstein, dramatizes the mutiny on the Russian ship and its role in inspiring a failed 1905 uprising against the country's czars. It is perhaps best known for the "Odessa steps" sequence, in which a child in a stroller rolls down a staircase as fighting rages around it.

Germany's federal film archive and the British Film Institute supported the reconstruction, which was supervised by Enno Patalas, festival organizers said.

The movie — with live musical accompaniment from the German Film Orchestra Babelsberg — will be shown Feb. 12 and Feb. 13. The festival runs Feb. 10-20.

Boxing referee Lane honored

Former judge, boxing referee and TV personality Mills Lane was honored near the site of a Reno, Nev., justice center that will be named "One thing we all know is, we love Mills Lane," Rep. Jim Gibbons

said Tuesday. "We remember those good days." Lane, 67, who suffered a stroke nearly three years ago, took part in

the ceremonies, but did not speak. His son, Terry, said it was just his father's second public appearance since the stroke.

The ceremony took place in the existing court building next to the site of the future Mills B. Lane Justice Center. Lane formerly served as Washoe County district attorney and district court judge.

He officiated 102 championship fights, including the 1997 heavyveight match in which Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. Lane also was a TV judge from 1998-2001.

Contestants to begin 'quest for Ken'

If winning more than \$2.5 million wasn't enough, "Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings will have a shot at winning an additional \$2 million - but the competition will be

tougher this time around A "Super Tournament" will pit Jennings in a final match against two survivors of a competition among nearly 150 past five-time winners, producers of the game show announced Tuesday.

Host Alex Trebek called the tournament the "quest for Ken."

"Ever since Ken started his amazing run, people have been speculating on how some of the past 'Jeopardy!' players would do against him," Trebek said in a statement. "We're answering that question.

Stories and phtos from wire services



Jennings earned \$2,520,700 after a 74-game winning streak.

Exploring the body with 'Sesame Street'

"Sesame Street" characters have gone around the globe and into space, and soon they'll be exploring the human body.

Sesame Workshop, a nonprofit educational organization, is creating a series of museum learning experiences and "Sesame Street Pre-sents: The Body" is first up. It will premiere at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix in May and run through November.

The exhibit will emphasize scientific investigation and developmental- and curriculum-based learning goals for children ages 2 to 8.

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Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered

8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table

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'Passion' essay challenged interfaith ideas



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Elizabeth Goldhirsh sits with her late father. Bernie Goldhirsh. Elizabeth, heiress to a magazine fortune, created a religious essay contest for young people to counter the negative debate surrounding the film "The Passion of the Christ."

BY LOUISE CHU

ATLANTA - Shuffling between classes at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, Adam Meredith-Ployd saw an intriguing opportunity to apply what he'd learned in his studies on the history of Christians and Jews - an opportunity worth \$25,000

Following Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ," which drew criticism that it contained destructive Christian stereotypes of Jews, an essay contest had been founded to promote understanding between the two faiths.

"It highlighted a conflict that can be invisible in a lot of ways," said Meredith-Ployd, a 22-year-old Christian graduate student whose essay took the top award last month. "I think what 'Passion' brought out is there's still residual issues between Christians and Jews that are 2.000 years old."

The contest's founder, 25-year-old magazine heiress Elizabeth Goldhirsh, said she created the competition for people 16 to 22 in the wake of the movie; the aim was to try to develop some interfaith unity within the younger generation.

"Unfortunately, we've grown up with

so many leaders on TV using religion for very negative purposes," said Goldhirsh, who is Jewish. "When you think about other religions, you think about conflict rather than what brings everyone togeth-

Goldhirsh, a Harvard Divinity School graduate student and daughter of the late Inc. magazine founder Bernie Goldhirsh, said she offered a large prize package - a total of \$100,000 was awarded. making it one of the most lucrative writing contests in the nation - to attract interest in the issue.

The strategy worked. Four thousand entries came in, though

what they showed was a surprising lack of familiarity with building interfaith relationships in general, said the Rev. Christopher Leighton, executive director of the Baltimore-based Institute of Christian & Jewish Studies and one of the contest's judges.

The problem, Leighton said, was that many of the entrants - particularly Christians — thought the answer was to make the other side see the error of its ways, rather than to promote respect for differing theological points of view.

Organizers found that many of the entrants "haven't developed the ability to

gious sensibilities of their neighbors," Leighton said. "The essay contest confirmed how much work needs to be

That finding doesn't surprise Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core, one of the only interfaith groups in

the nation focused on young people. Patel said he's been working to raise awareness of interfaith issues through high school religious forums and nationvolunteer days that bring together young people of different faiths to do community service projects. The move-ment is "in its total infancy," but "the U.S. is going to have to come to terms

with being a multifaith society," he said. "It is an enormously sensitive area," said Patel, a Muslim, "People's relationship with God is the single most precious thing that they have."

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Meredith-Ployd found common ground
in Christians' and Jews' view of time,
based on the Bible's account of the seven-day creation of the world in Gene-

sis.

"At the heart of both these ethics is the resounding declaration that God's reality is not the world's reality," Meredith-Ployd wrote.

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Amid turbulence, Buckeyes blow out Cowboys

SAN ANTONIO - Justin Zwick hardly looked like a quarterback who had been on the bench for more than two months.

Zwick replaced suspended starter Trov Smith and threw for 189 yards and a touchdown in his first action for Ohio State since Oct. 16, and Ted Ginn Jr. and Lydell Ross each scored Wednesday night as the 24th-ranked Buckeyes defeated Oklahoma State 33-7 to win the Alamo Bowl.

Zwick, who lost the starting job to fellow sophomore Smith after the sixth game of the son, completed 17 of 27 passes despite a mild hamstring pull.

The Buckeyes went 3-3 under Zwick before he injured a shoulder in a loss to Iowa. Smith stepped in and led Ohio State (8-4) to victories in four of its last five regular-season games

But Smith was suspended for the Alamo Bowl by the team last week after university officials said he accepted an unspecified gift

Bowl roundup

olation of NCAA rules. Ohio State coach Jim Tressel declined to talk about what's next for the football program, which

has been marred this season by a series of arrests and allegations by former star player Maurice Clarett that players routinely took cash gifts from boosters.

"I'm happy for the team and excited for the future. Tressel said.

Ginn, a freshman with dazzling speed, caught six passes for 78 yards and rushed for 40 yards and a touchdown. Ross rushed for 99 yards on 12 carries, and Mike Nugent kicked four field goals to become Ohio State's career scoring leader

Ohio State took advantage of two early turn-

overs, then stifled the Cowboys (7-5).

Oklahoma State quarterback Donovan Woods completed 15 of 34 passes for 137 yards and rushed for 80 yards. Vernand Morency, who entered the game eighth in Di-

ited to 24 yards on eight carries.

We could not move the football or protect our passer effectively." Cowboys coach Les

Colorado 33, UTEP 28: In Houston, Joel Klatt threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns and Mason Crosby kicked four field goals to lead Colorado in the Houston Bowl. Klatt keyed a fourth-quarter comeback by

the plodding Buffaloes (8-5), who overcame a 28-19 deficit against a team that entered the game ranked eighth in the nation in scoring offense

Colorado's first bowl victory since the 1999 Insight.com Bowl capped an improbable turnaround for the Buffaloes, who went through an offseason of scandal and turmoil.

Jordan Palmer, the younger brother of former Heisman winner Carson Palmer of Southern Cal, completed his first eight passes for 120 yards as UTEP (8-4) raced out to an early 14-3 lead.



Ohio State freshman Ted Ginn had 78 yards receiving, 40 yards rushing and one touchdown to lead Ohio State's 33-7 victory on Wednesday night.

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QUESTIONABLE: LB Kendrell Bell (groin); QB OUESTIONABLE: LB Kendrell Bell (groin); up Ben Roethlisberger (ribs); RB Duce Staley (hamstring). PROBABLE: WR Plaxico Burres (hamstring); RB Verron Haynes (knee); DE Brett Keisel (hamstring); WR Hines Ward (hip). Bills: QUESTIONABLE: RB Travis Henry (ankle); TE Jason Peters (hamstring); G

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-13) AT NEW EN GLAND PATRIOTS (13-2) - 49ers: OUT: OF GLAND PATRIOTS (12:2) — 46ess: OUT: OB TIM RAITAY (GOV/right forearm); EJ Jamie Winborn (shoulder), QUESTIONABLE: DT An-thony Adams (ence); WB Fandon Lloyd Fred Beasley (neck), Patriots: DOUBTFUL: S DEATE Peld (Shoulder); DE Richard Seymour (knee), QUESTIONABLE: LB Matt Chatham (hamstring); BR Kewin Faulk (knee): GB Rand Jamie (Jamy Hu); WB Kewin Faulk (knee): GB Rand (light); EB T. Jaw (front); CB Farthwaler & LW (light); EB T. Jaw (front); CB Farthwaler & LW dall Gay (arm/flu); WR David Givens (ankle); TE Daniel Graham (rib); WR Bethel Johnson (thigh); CB Ty Law (foot); CB Earthwind Mo-reland (abdomen); RB Patrick Pass (knee); CB Asante Samuel (shoulder); Se Eugene Wil-son (thigh). PROBABLE: QB Tom Brady (right son (thigh), PRUSHOLE: Vo 1011 Body Vo shoulder); OB Jim Miller (right shoulder), TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-10) AT ARIZO-NA CARDINALS (5-10) Buccaneers: QUES-TIONABLE: QB Brian Griese (foot), PROBA-BLE: C Sean Mahan (quadriceps). Cardinals: OUT: T Leonard Davis (knee); CB Renaldo Hill DEE: U Sean Mahan (quadriceps), Cardinals: OUT: T Leonard Davis (knee); CB Renaldo Hill (back), QUESTIONABLE: QB John Navarre (right finger), PROBABLE: LB Karlos Dansby (foot); S Adrian Mayes (shoulder): WP Navarre (foot); S Adrian Mayes (shoulder); WR Nate Poole (thigh); K Neil Rackers (illness); RE Josh Scobey (illness); S Michael Stone

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Bowl glance

Payout: Wyoming 24, UCLA 21

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Friday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
Honday, Dec. 27
MPC Computers Bo
Payout: \$750,000
Fresno State 37, Virginia 50,000
Fresno State 37, Virginia 60,000
Motor City Bowl
At Detroit

At Detroit
Payout: \$750,000
Connecticut 39, Toledo 10
Tuesday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Iowa State 17, Miami (Ohio) 13 State 17, Miami (Ohio) 13 Insight Bowl At Phoenix Payout: \$750,000 on State 38, Notre Dame 21 Wednesday, Dec. 29 Houston Bowl Payout: \$1.1 million 13, Tever

Texas-El Paso 28 Alamo Bowl At San Antonio 3yout: \$1.55 millio

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Payout: \$1.55 million
Ohio State 33, Oklahoma State 7
Thursday, Dec. 30
Continential Tire Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Boston College (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5) Emerald Bowl At San Francisco Payout: \$750,000

Payout: \$750,000 (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$2 million At San brego yout: \$2 million (10-1) vs. Texas Tech (7-4) Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif. Payout: \$750,000 vs. Northern Illinois (8-3) Friday, Dec. 31 Music City Bowl Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Payout: \$780,000 (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5)

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6:05. UTEP-Chamois 1 run (Schneider kick), 1:11.

| Second Quarter | Col-Charles 1 run (Crosby kick), 13:31. | Col-FG Crosby 54, 8:16. | Col-FG Crosby 54, 8:16. | Col-FG Crosby 54, 8:16. | Col-FG Crosby 37, 9:17. | Col-FG Crosby 20, 40. | Col-FG Cr

UTEP—Higgins 3 pass from Palmer (Schneider kick), 14:20. Col—Klopfenstein 78 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick), 14:502. Col—Judge 39 pass from Klatt (Crosby kick), 84:3.

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mas 2-4, Smith 1-1, Chamois 2-1, Austin 1-0, Palmer 4-fminus 3, Marrow 1-fminus 6). Passing—Colorado, Xiatt 24-33-0-333. Receiving—Colorado, Purify 6-41, Klopfenstein 5-134, Monteilh 4-34, Judge 2-50, Macker 92-32, Sprague 2-16, Duren 2-10, Vickers 1-16, UTEP, Boyd 7-140, Higgins 7-122, Marrow 3-9, Francies 2-28, Jackson 2-12, Sears

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Receiving—Oklahoma St., DJ Woods 4-40, Frazier 3-24, Bajema 2-29, Elliott 2-9, Mack 1-20, Willis 1-9, Johnson 1-5, Jones 1-1 Dissection St., Ginn 6-78, Holmes 5-47, Harnby 2-6, Gonzales 1-23, Schnittker 1-14, Childress 1-13, Nicol 1-9.

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Monday, Dec. 27

At Grand Forks, N.D.

Canada 8, Sweden 1

United States 6, Switzerland 4

At Thief River Falls, Minn.

Russia 4, Czech Republic 1

Slovakia 2, Finland 0

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Slovakia 2, Finland 0 Tuesday, Dec. 28 At Grand Forks, N.D. Canada 9, Germany 0 At Thief River Falls, Minn. Russia 7, Belarus 2 Wednesday, Dec. 29 At Grand Forks, N.D. Czech Republic 5, Switzerland 2

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At Grand Forks, N.D.
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Semifinals

Group B winner vs. Quarterfinal 1 winner
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10. Pilesburgh (16-d) beat South Carolina
11. Connection (27-) did not play, Next vs.
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Wednesday's men's scores

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Jacksonville 7.1, Ecklerd 65 0.
Lycoming 97, Merchant Marine 79
Mississiph 62, Va. Commonwealth 62
Randolph-Macon 72, Dickinson 63
Rollins 88, Coher 65
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South Florida 81, Texas-Arlington 51
Transylvania 68, St. Norbert 50
Tuskepe 69, Florida Gulf Coast 63
Vanderbille 90, Dayton 74
Virginia Union 68, North Florida 53
West Florida 72, Christian Brothers 65
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Ark-Little Rock 71, St. Gregory's 53
Arkansas 73, Jacksonville St. 67
Texas 100, Texas-San Antonio 82
Texas A&M 93, Houston 80
Texas A&M-Kingsville 85, Texas A&M Inter-

national 73
Texas Tech 98, Georgia St. 56
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Fresno St. 79, Hawaii 78 Montana St. 75, Montana Tech 44 Montana St.-Northern 61, Haskell Indian Nations 55 Portland St. 89, Md.-Eastern Shore 44

Rocky Mountain 98, Augustana, S.D. 37 UNLV 74, Texas-Pan American 54 TOURNAMENTS ASU Hoops Classic Championship

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Championship
Charlotte 66, Cent. Connecticut St.
Third Place
Yale 90, Santa Clara 84, OT
Comcast Lobo Invitational
Championship
New Mexico 88, Troy 66
Third Place
Pennerding 24 MVSLI 22

Pepperdine 74, MVSU 62

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srock 98, Shawnee St. 68
Rio Grande 64, Windsor 53
Oneida Bingo & Casino Classic
First Round
Hartford 68, Rider 57
Wis-Green Bay 72, N. Dakota St. 66
Porreco Cup
First Round
Gannon 92, Lock Haven 58

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St. Joseph's, Ind. 81, Sagimav Valley St. 74
Ramada Inn Classic
First Round
John Carroll 84, Adrian 58
Kings, Pa. 87, Alfred 76
Saturn Shootout
First Round

Coll. of Charleston 85, Harvard 62 St. Peter's 65, Tennessee Tech 62 Shamrock Championships Classic St. Mary's, Cal. 75, Murray 51. 62 Third Place UC Davis 67, Third Place UC Holiday invitational Brown 65, Charleston Southern 52 UCF 65, Fordham 61

UCF 65, Fordham 6 Wednesday's women's scores

Allegheny 81, Mount Union 64 American International 64, Lock Haven 52 Bryant 70, N.J. Tech 59 Carnegie-Mellon 75, Otterbein 73 College of N.J. 57, RPI 54 Drexel 70, Rider 51 College of KL 57, 89-154
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Baylor 92, Montana St. 47 Lake Forest 75, St. Olaf 52 California 77, Oregon St. 71 Colorado 77, N. Colorado 58 Concordia, Calif. 56, Whitman 47 E. Washington 70, Denver 54 Gonzaga 66, Utah 60 Idaho 63, Utah St. 62 Montana St.-Northern 59, Occider Worker Combot 73, Mess Col

Idaho 63, Utah St. 62
Montana St. Northern 59, Occidental 55
Nebraska-Omaha 73, Metro St. 56
Oregon 62, Stanford 58
Tampa 68, Cal Baptist 63
Washington 63, Arizona St. 55
Whitworth 78, Carroll, Mont. 68
TOURNAMENTS
Blue Sky Classic
First Round

Paul 75, Valparaiso 49 hmond 58, Dartmouth 55 Cavalier Classi Championship Championship Virginia 98, James Madison Third Place Albany, N.Y. 74, American U. Christmas City Cle First Round Delaware 67, Alabama 59 Lehigh 70, Yale 66

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pin St. 70, South Alabama 69 son St. 77, Northwestern St. FIU Sun and Fun Classic Championship Championship
Fla. International 68, Dayton 44
Third Place
Stony Brook 70, Brown 54
Heritage Bank Holiday Classic
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Championship
Tulane 62, Pepperdine 49
Third Place
Stephen F.Austin 61, Georgia St. 56

Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms
vith RHP Jaret Wright on a three-year con-

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with
INF Luis Lopez and C Bobby Estalella on
minor league contracts.

to the team.

FOOTBALL

RATIONAL FOOTBALL

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed RB Chris

Perry on injured reserve. Signed WR Malt

CHERY from Jacksonville's practice squad,

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Milk

Marker and CB Art Smith to the practice

squad. HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed FB Josh Rue to HOUSTON IEAANS—Signed PS JOSH NUE OF the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed LB Jim Nel-son on injuried reserve. Signed QB Travis Brown from the practice squad. Signed LB After Sommersell to the practice squad. After Sommersell to the practice squad. JeRod Cherry, Announce of Donare Lowe clearor weighers and uses re-somed to the Announced S Omare Lowers and was re-signed to the

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COLLEGE

DELAWARE—Named Alex Kahoe and Reid
Vatson women's assistant lacrosse coaches. **GUILFORD**—Announced the resignation of Mike Ketchum, football coach, to become an

Mike Ketchum, football coach, to become an assistant athletic director.

JACKSONVILLE—Dismissed junior C Joey Robinson from the men's basketball team for violating team policy.

NIAGARA—Named Kevin Miller golf coach. SAN JOSE STATE—Named Dick Tomey football coach.

SYRACUSE—Fired Paul Pasqualoni, foot-

St. Louis tackle Turley confronts coach Martz

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Rams offensive tackle Kyle Turley, upset about a remark that the team hadn't seen him since he reinjured his back in training camp engaged in a recent shouting match with coach Mike Martz.

Turley said in a statement Wednesday that there was a heated, unfortunately profane exchange" on Dec. 13. During the exchange in Martz's office, he said the coach told him he had come to St. Louis "just to take the money and run."

"I left his office and met with the GM to reconfirm my commitment to the team and my return to it at the earliest possible time, Turley said. "I am determined to return to the football field and contribute to the St. Louis Rams' winning season in 2005, joining the teammates I respect and the organization I admire Turley has had little contact

with the team since going on injured reserve in early August. Martz has said he had no success contacting Turley after the player left the team early in training camp to visit specialists about his hack

On Wednesday, Martz called the flare-up with Turley in his office "a nothing deal." He wouldn't comment on Turley's allegation that he had filed a complaint with NFL security that Turley threatened him "Martz contacted league securi-

ty and falsely claimed I had

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-wed by team's prognosis. (See Page 23 r complete injury report provided by for complete injury report provided by the league; Falcons: QB Michael Vick (left shoul-der) practiced Wednesday and is expect-ed to start Sunday at Seattle, laguass: QB Byron Leftwich (concus-sion) is probable for Sunday's game at Oakland, RB Fred Taylor (knee) is ques-tionable.

tionable.

Buccaneers: QB Brian Griese (sprained foot) is questionable for Sunday's game vs. Arizona.

Dolphins: QB A.J. Feeley (ribs) is out for Sunday's game at Baltimore.

threatened his life." Turley said "I was thoroughly interviewed by league staff with regard to his baseless allegation. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello

said league rules bar him from discussing the matter, saying 'conversations between the clubs and NFL security are confiden-Turley could be subject to a

fine over the matter.

"He came in and basically was

concerned with a remark I made when I was asked on TV, 'Where's Kyle?' and I said 'I haven't seen him, I don't know,' " Martz said. "He came in out of the blue, and it was pretty animat-"He's a very emotional guy and

we had a discussion about it Martz said that by the end of the discussion, which included details of Turley's offseason conditioning plans, the offensive tackle had calmed down. But he didn't

say the two left on good terms. "We came to an agreement,"

Martz said.

Badgers smother No. 18 Tide, extend home winning streak

MADISON Wis - Wisconsin's Alando Tucker missed last year's game against Alabama because of a foot injury.

He made up for it Wednesday night.

Tucker had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Badgers as they stifled No 18 Alabama's high-powered offense in a 76-62 victory Wednesday night that extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 36 games.

The game was the Big Ten's best defense - Wisconsin giving up just 56 points a game against the Southeastern Conference's best offense — Alabama av eraging better than 86 points.

The Crimson Tide (10-2) couldn't recover from a first half that saw the Badgers (9-2) take a 33-23 lead Alahama scored on seven

straight possessions to open the second half and cut the lead to 42-37, but Wisconsin built its lead back to double figures and then held the Crimson Tide scoreless for almost 3 minutes after Ronald Steele's basket had made it 54-46 with 6:18 left

No. 8 Kentucky 82, Campbell 50: At Lexington, Ky., freshman center Randolph Morris had a career-high 25 points on 11-for-14 shooting and coach Tubby Smith

won his 200th game at Ken-Top 25 Kelenna Azııbuike added 14

points for the Wildcats (9-1), who won their

fifth straight game.

Anthony Atkinson had 14 points for the Fighting Camels (2-7), who have lost 39 of their last 40 road games. No. 10 Pittsburgh 72. South

Carolina 68: Chevon Troutman scored 20 points, including the go-ahead basket with 2:37 remaining, to keep the Panthers unbeat-

No. 15 Texas 100. Texas-San Antonio 82: At Austin, Texas, P.J. Tucker scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the

West Virginia 71, No. 20 George Washington 65: At Morgantown, W.Va., Mike Gansey scored 19 points and D'or Fischer added 14 as the Mountaineers improved to 9-0 for the first time in 44 years.

No. 23 Michigan St. 92, N.C.-Asheville 63: Paul Davis and Kelvin Torbert led a balanced offense with 15 points each for the host Spartans (8-2), who shot 56.4 percent from the field and led by as many as 37 points in their only game in a 15-day span.

It was all-around banner year for Kadena

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Stripes

he name Kadena became synonymous with championships in 2004. Be it the largest Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific high school or the biggest Pacific Air Forces base's interservice teams, titles seemed to find their way to Kadena Air Base in droves.

Kadena High's Panthers racked up a record four DODDS Far East titles in four sports in a six-month span.

The base's interservice football team took the inaugural Okianoya. Football League crown. And a softball team composed primarily of Air Force players won two of four Pacific Grand Slam legs, led by one PACAF Athlete of the Year and two players selected to the All-Air Force team.

Kadena High: Home of champions

To hear some of the Panthers stars say so, Kadena High's four Far East champion teams shared two common denominators: superior depth and expectations.

"We expected to do it in those sports," said junior Anthony Soroka of Kadena's Far East champion tennis and boys soccer squads. "We expect to do it in everything else. We want to show that we can do it in everything."

The presence of so many championship banners in the high school gym – Kadena boasts 20 Far East team titles — serves as a motivator, Soroka said, "When you see all those banners, you have those high expectations and you hold yourself to that," he said.

yort nou youtsen't o tar, it es samp The Panthers' championship run began April 30. Kadena's boys soccer team edged (Kinawa island-rival Kubasaki 2-1 in one Far East Class AA final at Yokota Air Base, while at nearby Camp Zama, the Panthers' girls shut out Kubasaki 2-1

Depth played a major role in the championships, junior Niki Kauzlarich said. "We had great starters, but it was the overall team," she said. "The bench would give you the same effort as the starting players."

The roll continued in the fall when Kadena repeated its Far East cross country title and won its first Far East tennis team



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Junior Niki Kauzlarich was part of Kadena High School's Class AA girls soccer and Far East cross country championships Local sports 2004 championship.
Panthers
runners won
every award
there was to

win: Kauzlarich and senior Jon Turner captured the 31-mile individual
races, Kadena won the team relay
and placed eight runners on the
All-Far East team.

Then came tennis, in which Kadena edged Seoul American for top team honors. Sophomore star Amy Lopes won the girls singles title.

High school beginnings, continuings and endings

Kadena's cross country and tennis titles came about partly due to one of two major changes in the way DODDS-Pacific conducts its Far East high school tournaments.

■ Citing concerns over availability of billeting and athletic facilities, DODDS-Pacific's Far East Activities Council began limiting tournament fields in those sports and in wrestling to DODDS teams.

■ Then last month, FEAC mandated an annual DODDS-Pacific interdistrict football playoff for large schools of 360 students or greater and small schools.

One result of the DODDS-only decision was removing international schools, which had long dominated tennis and cross country, from the Far East mix.

And it helped Pusan American end a 10-year Far East tournament title drought, as junior James Edwards won a boys tennis singles crown.

Amanda Reiff and Jessica Guertin of South Korea's Osan American captured the girls doubles, Edwards and his sister Mary took the mixed doubles, and Seoul American's Thomas Kim and Allen Chin the boys doubles

In the final Far East wrestling tournament in which DODDs and non-DODDs schools competed last February, Seoul American won the dual-meet crown for its first Far East mat title. St. Mary's International of Tokyo took the individual freestyle team title.

The football playoff decision means the end of the Rising Sun Bowl All-Japan championship, and perhaps the World Bowl All-Star series between Korea and Singapore.

and singapore.
Chris Roach and reigning Pacific football power Yokota ran their on-field winning streak to 48 games, won a sixth straight Japan Football League and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools titles and fifth straight Rising Sun Bowl, beating Okinawa's Kadena Islanders 50-6 on Nov. 13

The verdict renewed calls for Kadena and Kubasaki to field full squads, instead of split squads, in future Rising Sun Bowls. The interdistrict playoff decision means Kadena and Kubasaki will do just that, starting next fall.

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The Islanders, led by running back tandem Keith Loving and David McCowan, captured their first outright Okinawa Activities Council championship since 1983 by pounding the Kadena Buccaneers 37-12 in the island final on



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Aaron Zendejas, right, of the Kadena Panthers lines up a shot as Chris Momroy of the Kubasaki Dragons watches during the championship match of the Far East High School Boys Class AA soccer tournament at Yokota Air Basa, Japan, on April 30. Kadena won kits second straight Class AA title by a 3-1 score over Kubasaki. It was one of four Far East tournament tillers won by Kadena between April and November.

Meanwhile, pass-happy Bruce Voelker and Seoul American extended the Far East's second-longest winning streak to 20 games and won its fourth straight Korea football title. The Korea All-Stars avenged a 55-6 loss to Singapou in 2003 by routing the Falcons All-Stars 51-0 at Yongsan Garrison.

In basketball, Seoul American made it two straight Class AA boys titles, as MVP Jake Abramowitz and the Falcons routed Nile C. Kinnick 76-48 in front of a home crowd at Falcon Gym.

Home cooking also agreed with Kubasaki's girls. Coach Bob Driggs came out of a 12-season retirement, and with a back line of Shanon Sumter, Shanea McDaniel and Ka'leen Mathieu, the Dragons won their Pacific-record ninth Class AA title 46-41 over Guam's John F.

Kennedy Islanders.

In the Class A boys tournament at Osan Air Base, South Korea, Guam's St. Paul Christian Warriors, led by co-MVP Andrew Borja, survived a two-game final with Japan's E.J. King Cobras, losing the first game 65-63 in overtime before prevailing 60-53 in the deciding same.

And International School of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls schoi in Tokyo, won its first Far East title in any team sport. Led by sister post players Adena and Alecia Wallingford and floor general Mari Look, the Symbas downed Osan American 38-35 in the Class A girls hoops final.

Service spectrum: Yongsan, Yellow Box shine brightly

Few interservice basketball

In the last major Pacificwide event of the year, Deon Johnson and Guam's Andersen Bombers prevailed over Korea's Kunsan Wolf Pack in the Osan Pacificwide Holiday Tournament in late December.

Yonnes Sanders paced Marine Corps Base Camp Butler to its first Marine Forces Pacific Regional Tournament title in more than 10 years with an 87-64 triumph over 1st Marine Aircraft Wing last April.

Five months later, Wing captured its first Marine regional soccer title, as Samuel "Doc" Ofosuhene scored twice and added an assist in a 4-1 victory over Base.

In August, four-time All-Armed Forces outfielder Gary Changy hit a sixth-iming three-run home run to carry Okimawa's 3rd Force Service Support Group to the Marine regional softball title 8-7 over Wing. Wine's Cherylton McRae made

Wing's Cherylton McRae made the All-Armed Forces men's softball team for the 14th time, and Dexter Avery of Camp Carroll, South Korea, was selected a seventh time. Air Force won the gold in the All-Armed Forces tournament in September at Eglin Air Force Base. Fla.

Army prevailed over Air Force in the women's All-Armed Forces at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo, with Twyla Sears of Kadena, Jamie Thompson of Japan's Misawa Air Base and Christy Maxwell of Camp Casey, South Korea, being chosen for the All-Armed Forces team

Softball's open tournament circuit saw Yellow Box of Okinawa take the torch from Pacific Force

as the region's powerhouse.

Pacific Force broke up, after 15 years of being the area's most dominant team, with 39 Pacific Grand Slam titles.

That threw the door open for Yellow Box, with PACAF Athlete of the Year and two-time All-Armed Forces catcher Dexter High and newcomers to the All-Air Force team, outfielder Scotty Roe and shortstop Carlo

Yellow Box finished second to Korea's International Guzzlers in the Yongsan Pacificwide tournament Memorial Day weekend. Yellow Box then won the Firecracker Shootout over the July 4 weekend at Okinawa's Camp Foster, then the Kadena Klassic on Sept. 12 at Kadena Air Base.

Interservice football returned to Okinawa in the form of the OFL, composed of four Marine teams, Ryukyu University and the Kadena Dragons. It was the first time since 1989 that military football was played on the island.

Led by league MVP Trent Beavers, with 31 touchdowns, Kadena powered past Schwab 44-14 in the league title game on Dec. 11 at Kubasaki.

Three months earlier, the Yokosuka Seahawks capped a rise from 1-2 halfway through the season to their fifth straight U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League title, led by league MVP Robert Trisby, who caught six touchdown passes.

Roy Roberts ran for 158 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries to pace Yokosuka past Misawa 22-0 in the league title game on Sept. 11 at Yokosuka.



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QB Will Hall (11) and the Yokosu-

ka Seahawks won their fifth consecutive USFJ-AFL championship on Sept. 11, defeating the Misawa Marauders 22-0 at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. teams have tasted the success the

teams have tasted the success the Yongsan Runnin' Rebels of Korea enjoyed last year. With All-Armed Forces guard

Ronald Bartley at the point, Yongsan cruised to a 37-5 record and won all five tournaments it entered, including the Koreawide Post-Level in March. Bartley went on to lead Army

to the All-Armed Forces gold medal, then helmed the All-Armed Forces team to a bronze in the International Military Sports Council tournament in Croatia and the gold in the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe championship last month.

On the open tournament circuit, Yongsan overcame The Truth of Okinawa in a two-game final in the Martin Luther King event last January on Okinawa.

2004: The year sports went to the extremes

2004 FROM BACK PAGE

"Roger just played too good today," Andy Roddick said after losing to Federer in the Wimble-don final. "I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the bathroom and got a tub.

Singh and Federer weren't huge shocks to rise to the top of their sports after their strong play in the past, but to win on the scale they did was extraordinary.

There was far less surprise in seeing Lance Armstrong pedal to a record sixth straight Tour de France, Michael Schumacher win a seventh Formula One title or Kurt Busch capture NASCAR's Nextel Cup in a new championship format.

Nor, despite their advanced age, was there astonishment in seeing Roger Clemens win a record seventh Cy Young award or Barry Bonds join Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron in the 700-homer club while winning a record seventh MVP Award.

Clemens retired from the Yankees, unretired in a hurry for his hometown Houston Astros, and had one of his finest seasons. Bonds shrugged off a federal grand jury appearance, a thousand questions about steroids and the arrest of his personal trainer in the BALCO case, and, at 40, had a career year by anyone's

They, like Ichiro Suzuki, whose record 262 hits broke George Sisler's 84-year-old mark, gave the season a golden hue.

Michael Phelps imposed himself in such a way at the Athens Olympics, winning eight medals, six of them gold and none a surprise. If Phelps didn't quite match Mark Spitz's record haul of seven individual golds in 1972, he still ruled the pool as no other man since then

Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj, the world's greatest middle-distance runner, elevated the Games by winning the 1,500 gold after failing twice before, then added the 5,000 — a double that hadn't been accomplished since Paavo Nurmi did it in 1924.

Argentina pulled the upset of the Games, winning the gold in men's basketball while a humiliated U.S. team, booed in Greece and lambasted at home, settled for bronze

It was a year to take pleasure in the overachievement of little Saint Joseph's, No. 1 in the men's basketball poll, and to cheer for Smarty Jones, the Seabiscuit of our times. Smarty Jones won millions of fans in his bid for the Triple Crown, and they loved him still even when he came up a length short in the Belmont.

Witnessing Peyton Manning eclipse Dan Marino's season TD passing mark — 48 in 1984 — has been a wonder to watch, especially seeing him doing it with poise and class and none of the phony celebrations that some players have displayed to grab attention.

"I thought 48 was something no one would touch or get close to,' Marino said

We needed all those good times to get us past the embarrassments, scandals and violence that permeated the sports landscape.

Images of the year: The good, the bad and the ugly

Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, won three Grand Slam tennis events and Fiji's Vijay Singh, including the PGA Championship.





Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, above, broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record for touchdown passes in a season. Manning has 49 entering the regular-season finale on Sunday.

Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest, right triggered a brawl in the stands at Detroit last month that was as frightening as anything seen in sports. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, below, is presiding over a lockout that is threatening to erase an entire season.







While BALCO founder Victor Conte, above, fought off accusations of distributing steroids to elite athletes, Barry Bonds, right, joined the 700 home run club.

Janet Jackson's "wardrobe mal-

function" in the Super Bowl half-

time show, exposing her right

breast to an audience of 90 mil-

lion, brought a wave of condemna-

tion, but more serious matters

Rose admitted to betting on base-

hall and his own Cincinnati Reds

but he remained banned from the

After 15 years of denials, Pete

blew through the seasons.

game and ineligible for the place that would otherwise surely be his in the Hall of Fame.

There were the allegations of rapes and sexual favors for football recruits at the University of Colorado, which made far more of a splash when they came out than when they were dismissed as unfounded.

There was the sexual assault

case against Kohe Bryant that was nightly news until the prosecution dropped the charges when his accuser said she did not want to participate in the trial. The 26-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star has said the sey was consensual, but the woman is pursuing

Meanwhile nothing has slowed down Bryant on the court, not

damages in a civil case.

even his feud and split with Shaquille O'Neal, the departure of coach Phil Jackson, and a Lakers lineup that is a shadow of what it once was.

Hockey wasn't even a shadow. The NHL was shut down, possi bly for the 2004-05 season and bevond, when team owners locked out the players to press their demands for a salary cap.

The BALCO investigation, which began the summer before last, goes on still, with recent allegations by the company's founder that he was secretly juicing up the world's fastest couple, Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery, among others in the Olympics. baseball and the NFL.

"It's embarrassing to baseball," one player, Jeff Kent, said of the continuing steroid saga

For all the sensationalist headlines and federal grand jury leaks, baseball attendance stayed high, except in Montreal, which lost the Expos to Washington, D.C., the first team to move since the Senators became the Texas Rangers in 1971.

The Athens Olympics were also unfazed even as steroids touched the Games from the start, when the ton two Greek runners. Kostis Kenteris and Katerina Thanou. faked a motorcycle accident to avoid drug testers. Two dozen athletes got busted for drugs - more than twice the number at Sydney four years earlier - yet that was hailed as a success.

"These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," IOC chief Jacques Rogge said during the closing ceremony.

They were also the Games that saw Mia Hamm nerhans the most influential woman in sports since Billie Jean King, retire after leading the U.S. women's soccer team to a gold medal. And they were the Games that saw American Paul Hamm win gymnastics gold when the judges miscalculated the score of a South Korean rival.

Agreeing on a winner continued to elude college football. which once again had a split national championship when Southern California won one trophy and LSU another. And more argument loomed as the year ended, with three teams from major conferences - Southern Cal, Oklahoma and Auburn — undefeated going into the holiday bowl games.

There were more player-fan confrontations in sports, from baseball to basketball, none uglier than the Malice in the Palace between several Indiana Pacers and fans of the Detroit Pistons.

Ron Artest, the first player in that brawl to charge into the stands after a drink was thrown at him had wanted time off to nm. mote his CD. Now he has the rest of the season off.

Artest became the symbol of some of what is wrong in professional sports, corrupted by too much money, too many untamed egos, too much alcohol. Still, sports are society's escape and a reflection of its values. They have the power to raise aspirations, change lives and cut us down to size, and they did all that this year perhaps more than ever before.



Conquest: Sox go from doldrums to deliriu

CONQUEST FROM BACK PAGE

"I just want to get some kids up here!" activities coordinator Lisa Scherber shouted as the patients too young to understand, watched their parents pose for pictures with the prize. "We've got a lot of adults.

The World Series trophy has been a much-welcomed and well-traveled guest this offseason. And how it got to be that way is the sports story of the year, according to a vote by the newspaper and broadcast members of

The Associated Press Boston's first World Series title since 1918 and the unprecedented comeback against the Yankees that made it possible was a runaway winner with 108 first-place votes and 1.325 points.

Lance Armstrong's sixth straight Tour de France title (seven first-place votes, 785 points) finished second and the Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons brawl was third (six first-place votes, 662 points).

The New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory and 21-game winning streak was next (zero first-place votes, 498 points), followed by sports' steroid stories (eight first-place votes, 495

Merely winning the Series after an 86-year drought probably the Red Sox the year's top story.

But the way they did it was one for the ages.

After falling five outs short of the World Series last year and firing their manager because of it. the Red Sox acquired Curt Schilling, the top starting pitcher on the market, and Keith Foulke, the top reliever

Their pursuit of Alex Rodriguez a deal that would have involved unloading Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez - ended late in 2003. But before spring training got started the reigning AL MVP went to the hated Yankees thanks in part to the groundwork

the Red Sox had done It seemed like Boston would be New York's runner-up once again.

The Red Sox played .500 ball for most of the year, prompting general manager Theo Enstein to trade Garciaparra for shortstop Orlando Cabrera and spare parts Dave Roberts and Doug Mientkiewicz.

But the regular season was, as expected, merely the undercard for a Red Sox-Yankees playoff rematch; for the seventh consecutive year, Boston finished second to New York in the AL East

The only indication that things might be different this year was that the Red Sox won 11 of 19 meetings between the teams during the regular season - Boston's



Boston's improbable triumph this fall got plenty of attention outside the sports world.

first edge in the season series since 1999.

Boston swept Anaheim in the first round, with designated hitter David Ortiz — "Papi" — hitting a clinching homer in the 10th inning of Game 3. But the Red Sox just as quickly fell behind the Vankees

3-0 in the AL championship series. No major league team had rallied from a 3-0 deficit to even tie a seven-game series, let alone win it But the Red Sox, self-proclaimed "idiots," insisted they were too stu-pid to be intimidated by the gravity of their predicament

Things got more dire when the Yankees took a 4-3 lead into the ninth inning of the fourth game, with star closer Mariano Rivera on the mound. But he walked Kevin Millar and Roberts, pinch running, stole second before Bill Mueller singled to tie it.

Roston won in the 12th on Ortiz's homer, then won Game 5 less than 24 hours later on his 14th-inning single. The series moved back to Yankee Stadium, where 2003 had ended so disastrously.

The Red Sox sent Schilling to the mound only after season-ending surgery was postponed in favor of a radical and unprecedented procedure to keep him in the rotation. After testing the technique on a cadaver. Dr. Bill Morgan stitched a loose tendon in Schilling's right ankle in place so it wouldn't flop around when he nitched

With blood soaking through his sock, Schilling beat the Yankees and forced a seventh game. But the only pitcher the Red Sox had left was Derek Lowe, who pitched so poorly in the regular season that he was bumped from the play-

Lowe pitched six innings of one-hit hall. Ortiz homered and Johnny Damon hit a grand slam to help Boston open a 10-3 lead - too big even for the Red Sox to blow.

They were going to the World

Their NL opponent was a familiar one: The St. Louis Cardinals had beaten Boston in the 1946 Series and again in '67, both times in seven games. Red Sox fans wondered whether the Series would be a letdown after the emotional victory over the Yankees, and they were right.

The Cardinals failed to put up a fight this time and the Red Sox would soon be celebrating a sweep in Busch Stadium. Millions turned out for the victory parade as it drove through Boston and into the Charles River on amphibious vehicles.

Those who couldn't see the trophy at the "rolling rally" might still get their chance. The Red Sox promise to bring it to every one of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts that asks.

If it makes it that long: Already, two of the flags on the trophy have come loose and need to be fixed. But the Red Sox can't bring themselves to take it out of commission that long.

"Just about everywhere I go, people get very emotional. These people have been waiting a lot longer than I have," said Bill Mullaly, a 30-year-old Red Sox security guard who escorts the trophy on many of its visits.

"It's had a huge impact on people. It's made them feel good.

Armstrong earns third AP award

BY JIM VERTUNO The Associated Press

AUSTIN Teyas - Even by his

lofty standards. Lance Armstrong's return to the mountaintop in 2004 was pretty special. The question now facing Arm.

strong is whether he'll return to challenge the Pyrenees and the French Alps again in 2005. Already recognized as one of

the inspiring athletes of his generation, Armstrong took his cycling legacy a step further when he won a record-breaking sixth consecutive Tour de France in July. And for his accomplishment, he

was honored Monday as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for the third straight year. Armstrong joined Michael Jordan (1991-93) as the only athletes

selected by sports writers and broadcasters three straight times since the honor was first awarded

"For me it was a special year," Armstrong said. "It's always nice to win the Tour, but this year was special simply because I broke the record and made history." Armstrong received

first-place votes and 312 points. Indianapolis Colts quarterback eyton Manning was second with 17 first-place votes and 156 points. The voting reflected Arm-

strong's return to dominating

form in an event in which he separated himself so far from the nack there was little question of the out-

In 2003, Armstrong struggled to win his fifth Tour de France capturing cycling's premier event and one of the world's most grueling sporting events by a mere 61 seconds.

It was also the year he got divorced, and he acknowledged that he struggled to balance the pressures of his personal and professional lives

Yet the 33-year-old Texan stormed back in 2004 with arguably his best U.S. Postal Service team and his best individual performance on the bike. He won five individual stages and a sixth with a team time trial in France.

"I certainly feel like I recovered my true strengths. I haven't felt as in control of a Tour as this year," Armstrong said. While other top riders and ri-

vals such as Tyler Hamilton and Jan Ullrich withered during the punishing race. Armstrong powered on

But as dominant as Armstrong was in France, he has yet to commit to going for a seventh title next year. He promises to race again in the Tour de France before he retires, but won't say if it will be next year or 2006.

Armstrong says he's ready to

pursue other challenges in racing He has dedicated most of his co cling life to the Tour, leaving little room for such Classic races as the Spanish Vuelta, the Paris-Roubaix in 1996 shortly before being diagnosed with testicular cancer.

But he also knows that it's the Tour de France his American fans want to see him win.

could win the Tour of Flanders and I wouldn't win AP Athlete of the Year," he said.

Armstrong and his team which has a new sponsor with the Discovery Channel - will release their schedule in January. Armstrong won't say if he'll race the Tour de France until May.

Whatever his choice, it will be all or nothing. It won't be a case of him riding to help someone else on his team win.

"If I'm going to ride. I'm riding to win. I'm not going to suffer for "I've gotten too used to standing on the Champs Elysees at the end.

Armstrong had a big year off the bike as well. His personal life spilled over onto the celebrity nages with his relationship with rocker Sheryl Crow.

And his Lance Armstrong Foundation, which is dedicated to cancer survivorship programs, got a monumental boost with the popularity of its promotional "Livestrong" yellow wristbands.

Sorenstam's consistency garners honors once again

By JIM LITKE The Associated Press

She won early and often, and often by overwhelming margins. She won on four continents in Australia, Sweden and Japan and in six of the 50 United States. She won a major, the most money and a remarkable 10 times in just 20 starts world-

Small wonder then, that what was an average year for golfer Annika Sorenstam was more than good enough to earn her recognition as The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the second year running.

Sorenstam received first-place votes and 263 points. Diana Taurasi, who led Con-

necticut to the NCAA women's basketball title and then captured the WNRA's Rookie of the Year award, finished second She had 15 first-place votes and 154 points, two more than Russian teen tennis sensation Maria Sharapova.

Consistency has been the hallmark of Sorenstam's 11-year career in pro golf. Her performance this season wasn't nearly as eventful as 2003, when she won two majors and 11 times on the LPGA Tour, became the

first woman since 1945 to play on the PGA Tour did a star turn on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and entered the Hall of Fame. But incredibly, it was every bit as efficient.

Sorenstam began it with a win in the ANZ Ladies Masters on Australia's Gold Coast, making up a four-stroke deficit at the midway point by closing with a pair of scintillating 65s. She ended it by edging Cristie Kerr in a playoff in the ADT Championship, the final tournament on the LPGA calendar, with her only victory that didn't come by multiple shots.

In between, Sorenstam wrote a book, lifted her profile as an endorser and mixed it up with the boys a second time in the Skins Game. She also stayed comfortably atop the world rankings, locked up a fourth consecutive LPGA money title her seventh in the past 10 years

tied her scoring average record of 68.7 and led the tour in top-10 finishes, rounds under par and greens in regulation.

"Naturally, I'm pleased with my season in many different " Sorenstam said, "and especially because I've played less tournaments and still won so much."

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Feb. 14 — Marco Pantani, 34, the last cyclist other than Lance Armstrong to win the Tour de France, he became Italy's most popular of the first of the Winnight He Giro d'Italia of Touries and the Series and the Series and the Series and Seri

r cyclist atter winning the Giro ditalla Tour de France in 1998. eb. 16 — **Charlie Fox**, 82, the 1971 NL Man-r of the Year with the San Francisco Giants. Fox, who spent more than a half-centu-ry in pro baseball, managed the Glants from 1970-74, finishing with a record of 348-327 Feb. 17 — Shirley Strickland de la Hunty, 78, who was the first woman to win back-to-back Olympic titles, She won the 80-meter hurdles at Helsinki in 1952 and defended her title in Melbourne in 1956. Feb. 22 — Andy Seminick, 83, a catcher of the 1950 Philladelphia Philliges team that won

Tended her title in Melbourne in 1956.
Feb. 22 – Andy Seminick, S. a. catcher on the 1950 Philadelphia Phillies team that won the N. pennant. During the championship season, Seminick batted .288 with 24 homer runs and 58 RSIs. Marge Schott. 75. the Marchalleng. chain-smoking owner of the Cincinnal Reis who won a World Series and was repeatedly suspended for offensive remarks.

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March 6 – Val Pinchbeck Jr., 73, a long time NFL executive who was once one of Pete Rozelle's chief advisers, Pinchbeck was he NFL's head of broadcasting and was a liaison with networks and instrumental in assimblies the schadule.

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July 28 — Steve Patterson, 56, a center on three UCLA national championship team and former Arizona State coach, Patterson played at UCLA from 1969-71, after Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and before Bill Walton, He played five seasons in the NBA and later coached Arizona State from 1965-99 and had

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James elbowed out of Cavs' loss to Rockets

CLEVELAND - One night before his 20th birthday, LeBron James did not feel like partying. Cleveland's star forward didn't

play in the second half on Wednesday night after bruising a bone near his left eye when he was acci-dentally struck in the face by Houston's Dikembe Mutombo late in the first half.

The Rockets went on to win 98-87, led by 34 points from Tracy McGrady and 20 from Yao

James was moving across the lane when he was accidentally leveled by Mutombo, whose elbows have hit more than a few NBA players over the years

"I warned him before the game to watch out," said Cleveland guard Eric Snow, who played with Mutombo in Philadelphia. "I've seen him take out teammates and opponents. Those

things are dangerous."

James, who was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for X-rays and a CT scan, fractured his left cheekhone and sustained a mild concussion. He wasn't available for comment after returning from the hos-

James will wear a mask to protect a broken bone in his face, but Cavaliers coach Paul Silas said Thursday he hopes the reigning NBA Rookie of the Year won't miss any games.

"I never saw him." Mutombo "The next thing I know, boom, he was laying on the floor I hope it's not too bad

McGrady scored 22 points in the second half and 12 in the fourth quarter to help Houston snap a five-game road losing

Pistons 107, Wizards 105: At Washington, Chauncey Billups hit a 14-foot jumper with 0.7 seconds left to give Detroit a come-from-behind victory. The Pistons overcame a 19-point first-half deficit and trailed by 15 in the third quarter.

Billups scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in the final five minutes, and Rasheed Wallace had 12 of his 23 in the final quar-

Pacers 74, Bobcats 71: At



Charlotte, N.C., Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points and 17 rebounds and Indiana won back-to-back games for the second time this month

In the three games he's played since an arbitrator reduced his 25-game suspension to 15, O'Neal has 61 points and 35 rebounds.

Suns 107, Hornets 96: At lew Orleans, the NBA's worst team nut a scare into the league's best. The Hornets (2-26) pulled within 98-93 with 56 seconds to go, but Quentin Richardson an-swered for Phoenix with his -record ninth three-pointer

Richardson finished with 31 points and 11 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 22 points and nine assists as the Suns improved

Bucks 111, Magic 105: At Or-lando, Fla., Michael Redd scored 29 points and Dan Gadzuric had 15 points and a career-high 14 re-bounds for Milwaukee, which had only 11 players in uniform be cause of injuries

Steve Francis had 24 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists for Or-lando, Grant Hill added 26 points for the Magic.

Knicks 100, Timberwolves 87: At New York, Stephon Marbury took over down the stretch and finished with 32 points and 11 assists for the Knicks.

Marbury scored 15 points in the final quarter, including all of the Knicks' points during a 9-2 run that gave New York a 94-85 lead with 1:46 to go.

Kurt Thomas limited Kevin Garnett to 17 — more than six below his average. Latrell Sprewell added 22 points and Sam Cassell 20 for Minnesota.

Grizzlies 117. Celtics 109: At Memphis, Tenn., Pau Gasol had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Memphis rallied in the final peri-

After trailing most of the game the Grizzlies went on an 18-3 run to begin the fourth quarter and take a 101-97 lead. Memphis also got 18 points from Bonzi Wells.

NBA scoreboard

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Judge to rule quickly on status of O'Neal's suspension

NEW YORK - Jermaine O'Neal sat in federal court Thursday, listening to lawvers argue whether the Indiana Pacers forward should be forced to fin Sports ish the last 10 days of

his suspension for his

role in November's slug-

fest with fans. U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels indicated he would rule within hours whether to make permanent his temporary decision last week that let O'Neal play even though he has not served all of the 25-game suspension imposed by NBA commissioner David Stern

The NBA had challenged arbitrator Roger Kaplan's authority to hear an appeal

duced the penalty to 15 games, citing O'Neal's "character, community involve-ment and citizenship."

O'Neal, whose team is scheduled to play at the New Jersey Nets Thursday night, sat quietly in a front-row wooden bench as lawyers and the judge portrayed the fight during the Nov. 19 Pacers-Detroit Pistons game as unprecedented.

Daniels said he did not believe the union or the league had imagined a scenario like the Pacers-Pistons brawl when they created player contracts over the years. "I don't think they expected a riot or a

melee to occur," he said. "It's clear to me nobody expected something like this to hap-pen at a basketball game,"

Hours of legal arguments this week and last week have focused on whether the

off-court behavior. Language in player contracts seemed to indicate on court behave ior is punished by the league commissioner and cannot be appealed to an arbitrator.

Jeffrey Mishkin, a lawyer for the league, argued that the November fight with fans was on-court behavior, especially when players were "wearing an NBA uniform on national television

In his ruling, the arbitrator reduced O'Neal's suspension and upheld Ron Artest's season-long suspension, along with those of Stephen Jackson (30 games) and Anthony Johnson (five games).

During the 12-minute brawl, Artest sprinted into the stands and confronted a fan he believed had thrown a drink at him. Jackson also went into the stands and exchanged punches with fans, while O'Neal

and Johnson punched fans who came onto the court

U.S. loses first Juniors game in 2 years

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - The United States was unable to rally from a four-goal deficit and lost 5-3 to Belarus in pool play of the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Hockey Championship on Wednesday night, the Americans' first loss in the tournament in two years.

The defending champion U.S. team had won eight straight games in the tournament, with its last loss coming against Finland in the bronze medal game two years

In other games on Wednesday, the Czech Republic beat Switzerland 5-2, Finland rallied to defeat Sweden 5-4, and Slovakia defeated Germany 5-0.

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2004: Trials, tribulations and triumph

From Sox to scandal, this year was extraordinary

The Associated Press

ure shots, long shots and once-in-a-lifetime shots - 2004 had them all. It was an over-the-top, out-of-control year, sensational in both its glorious and scandalous senses.

Halley's Comet comes around every 76 vears. The Boston Red Sox hadn't won the World Series in 86 years.

Nobody ever won a World Series or even a league championship down 0-3 in games, much less three outs from a sweep.

A gutsy bettor with blind faith in the Red Sox could have made millions plunking down dough on them at that particularly bleak moment when a sweep by their ancient and annual enemy, the New York Yankees, seemed inevitable.

It took a self-proclaimed team of "idiots," undaunted by history or curses, to flip fate around and make 2004 one of the greatest vintage years of sports.

There is no more enduring image of the year - what it took to win and what it meant to those who did - than the bloodstained sock of Curt Schilling. It gave new meaning to Red Sox and belongs in the Hall of Fame.

Stitched to pitch, Schilling inspired his teammates and lifted the suffering generations of Red Sox Nation scattered around the globe. It was a medical miracle, if not a heavenly one, the very opposite of what Boston's many pessimistic fans had come to expect.

The signs at Fenway read "Believe," and millions did, even if they feared down to the last out that something, somehow would go wrong as it always had since 1918.

Yet Schilling delivered and David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, Jason Varitek, Johnny Damon, Kevin Millar, Orlando Cabrera and the others did the rest, stunning the Yankees and sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in the





ots celebrated a 21-game winning streak and the team's second Super Bowl victory in three seasons. Lance Armstrong (right), selected as The Associated Press' male athlete of the year for the third consecutive year, became the only most amazing team comeback in sports.
"All empires fall sooner or later," Red Sox

President Larry Lucchino said after the Yankees became the first baseball team to lose a seven-game series after leading 3-0.

"1918 is gone forever," Boston outfielder Trot Nixon said when the Series ended. "We're not going to have to hear about that

AP Story of

the year voting

Red Sox win World Series (108) 1325

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First-place votes in parentheses

again He was wrong, though in a good way. These Red Sox will hear forever how they broke the so-called Curse of the Bambi-

Roll back the calendar to Jan. 1 and imagine betting on the New England Patriots to win the Super Bowl en route to an

Boston Red Sox to sweep the World Series in the same year. What would you have won if you parlayed those with bets on the starless Detroit Pistons to win the NBA title and the Sunshine State's Tampa Bay Lightning to win the Stanley Cup?

What if, along the way, you ran up the winnings by betting that one school would win the men's and women's Final Four in basketball. No school ever had. Connecticut did.

And what were the odds back then that Vijay Singh would win nine times in the year, become golf's first \$10 million man, and replace Tiger Woods as No. 1 in the world?

Or that Switzerland's Roger Federer, uncoached, would become the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam tennis titles?

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Curt Schilling's bleeding ankle was etched into baseball lore when Boston's ace won two playoff games, including Game 6 of the ALCS, after eschewing season-ending ankle surgery.

Boston's conquest is one for the ages

By JIMMY GOLEN The Associated Press

There was no Commission-er's Trophy the last time the Boston Red Sox won the World

No commissioner in fact

So when the Red Soy won it all for the first time since 1918, they didn't think it would be right to stick their trophy on a shelf somewhere to gather dust.

Instead, they took it to every state in New England, to a fan hangout in California and the team's academy in the Dominican Republic, to Christmas tree lightings and churches and nursing homes, where octogenarians have waited all their lives to see their favorite team win just once.

At the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where they treat sick children thanks in part to the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund, the trophy caused such a hubbub when pitcher Tim Wakefield brought it by last week that order, finally, had to be re-

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Deion Branch (83) and the New England Patrisix-time winner of the Tour de France in July.







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Ohio State gets a respite from a season of turmoil in the Alamo Bowl

